



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

September, 2018

www.gatheringofquilters.org

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Meeting begins 7 pm

Doors open 6:30 pm

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

Speaker: Debi Vanden Heuvel from Ann Arbor will speak on sewing machine maintenance.

BRING WITH YOU

Fat quarter for raffle, **nature** motif.

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 and Maumee Save-A-Pet

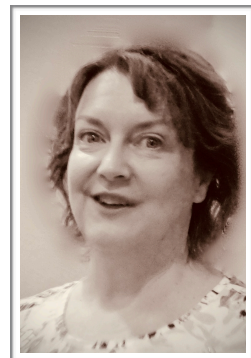
Quilts & Blankets for Project Linus

Show & Tell: what you did last summer

Friends: visitors only \$5.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome! Welcome back to returning members and hello to new members. Thank you to everyone who has helped put the plans into motion for this year. It is wonderful to have so many people willing to step into positions to make the behind-the-scenes part of the guild work smoothly.



I hope everyone is ready for an inspiring year of Show-and-Tell, retreats, programs, and challenges. Programs for the 2018-2019 year has a little bit of something for everyone, starting with sewing machine maintenance. What a great way to begin the year. We also have programs on the process of making Batik fabrics, quilting methods, and organizing. Also, two raffle quilts have been finished; the funds earned from the ticket sales will increase possibilities for future programs.

The Gathering of Quilters has a couple of challenges to meet this year. The first challenge is to complete a charity list that comes even close to last year's count. I know that I have six dog beds to start the list. The next challenge is for the year. It will be announced at the September meeting and completed and voted on at the May meeting. Hope to see you all September 20, 2018.

Rhonda Kistner

About our September Speakers:

Debi Vanden Heuvel has been working at Ann Arbor Sewing Center for 10 years and has taught the monthly Bernina Creative Sewing Club for the last 7. She has experience in quilting, garment construction, and home dec techniques in addition to extensive machine knowledge on the use of Bernina, Viking and other brands of sewing machines.

Rick Chouinard has been working at Ann Arbor Sewing Center for 18 years. He has been to numerous Husqvarna Viking and Bernina technical trainings. He has the highest certification available for machine repair and service. He is proud of the fact that people drive from several states to have him fix their machines.

Gathering of Quilters Guild

Minutes from May 17, 2018

The meeting was led by Colleen Florkowski.

46 present. including at least 7 visitors.: Linda Blasening, Char Cook, Megan O'Bryan, Valerie Murphy, Remona Pupos, Shannon Sargent, and Lois Coffee

Minutes from April were approved.

Treasurer's report was approved. The balance was \$5028. Stash Raffle brought in \$328

Colleen honored the board for its service.

Election: President Rhonda Kistner and Secretary Dale Burnett by acclamation.

Continuing:

VP: Linda Ball and Tom Starkey

Treasurer: Susie Todt:

Other:

Publicity: Sandy Dallas

Program booklet: Billie Szymanski

Weekend retreat: Kathy Kanitz with Margie Stone (later Mary Ann Kolaz)

One-day retreat: Linda Ball will help 2018-9, 2019-20 at All Saints Lutheran on Heatherdowns

Challenge: Nap Quilts for preschoolers at Mom's House

24 competed,

3rd: Beth Rohrbacher, 2nd: Nadine McDonald, **1st: Charlene Williams**

38 total were donated to Mom's House. They were all pretty cool.

Announcements: Shows in Berlin and Ann Arbor

Toledo Mennonite Quilt show will be October 12 & 13.

Charity Donations reported by Sheila Painter

5/18/17- 4/19/2018 1265 items especially to Project Linus, Mom's House, Humane Ohio, Food Bank and others. Keep reporting to Sheila.

Dog Beds need to be filled only half full only with washable fabric and batting. Then sew them up securely. They go to Humane Ohio and Maumee Save a Pet.

Door prize: Kathy Pertcheck

50/50; Chris Stoker \$21.50

Fat Quarters raffle: Hattie Kate Howell

Show & Tell

Patty Miller displayed how to use any scraps for embellishing

Program: Susan Sansenbacher Smith presented her collection of buttons dating back several generations. In the 1800's women collected 999 buttons. After 1000 in the collection, the first man she met would become her husband.

She displayed many kinds of buttons including her ancestor's string of buttons on its original string over 100 years old. She shared the history of buttons types from the 1840's. They were made of metal, glass, wood, shell, antlers with and without shanks. Brought back memories and questions of buttons in our own collection in grandmas', mother-in-laws' and our own button boxes.

Submitted by Secretary, Hattie Kate Howell

Basic Walker Pouch

by Sharon Moore

2 pieces of fabric 16 ½" by 54"

1 piece iron on fleece Pellon (can be pieced) 16 ½" by 54"

12" Velcro

4 1" by 18" fabric for ties (or grosgrain ribbon or twill)

Elmer's **Washable** white school glue

Optional: 4 8" finished orphan blocks. Sew 2 together then sew right sides together with the sewn back fabric 38 ½" instead of 54".

Optional: 2 yards of ribbon or rickrack for ties.

Iron on fleece to one of the pieces of fabric.

With right sides together, sew the 2 pieces together leaving a 6" opening in the middle of one of the long sides to turn right side out.

Turn right side out and glue the opening shut. Iron to set the glue.

Fold both ends from the back to the front 9" each and pin. This makes the pockets. Your piece is now 36".

Make the ties and insert them 3" from the bottom on all sides. Put them in at least ½".

Top stitch close to the edge all around the 36" piece making sure to catch both sides of the glued opening and back stitch at the top or each side of the pocket and at ties.

Find the center of each pocket and stitch to make two pockets on each side. (you may want them off center to make room for magazine or book.)

Sew across the center of 16" by 36" piece. (This is so it stays flat when washed.)

From the center of the stitching on the back, measure down 4" on each side and mark. Center the Velcro right below the 4" line and attach by stitching all around the Velcro.

Get creative and make them fun. Think of holiday or seasonal motifs.

Editor's note: If you have trouble with these instructions, you may figure out your own way, or come to the Guild meetings where Diana Trost will give a demo.



RAFFLE: OSU & UM Lap Quilts

This is a fundraiser to help pay for guild programming. Each member is encouraged to sell at least \$25 in raffle tickets. \$1 each or six for \$5. One must select which quilt they want. Tickets can be picked up at September meeting. Drawing will be at November meeting.
Two 65" x 65" quilts made by guild members



CHALLENGE

Theme: A Holiday Walk

This year our project is smaller, a walker pouch/bag, which you may keep, give to a friend, or donate to a nursing home. You may use your own pattern, find one of many online, or a free pattern designed and offered by Sharon Moore. (She won best of show at Sauders Quilt show in 2017. See photo on previous page.)

Pinterest also has many walker bags patterns, many free.

Kwik Sew Crafts Totes & Bags-K3927,
Simplicity 2096

Guidelines and Rules

1. Your quilt must be a bag/pouch that can be attached to a walker.
2. Your bag may be appliqued or pieced.
3. Your bag must be designed to celebrate a holiday of your choice. Attach a 3x5 card listing your holiday.
4. Members may make as many bags as they wish, but only 1 may be entered in the contest or be eligible for a prize.
5. The bag must be made entirely by a guild member.
6. Each bag must be 3 layers—top, batting and backing – and be quilted, not tied.
7. No binding required.
8. Embellishments must be securely attached.
9. Winners will receive a gift certificate: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

Diana's notes: on Sharon's pattern:

1. Ribbon or twill tape is much easier than making your ties on your own.
2. If using a directional design, remember that each end is a top.

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Project Linus

Just a reminder everyone our meeting isn't until:

Friday September 14, 2018

10:00 - 2:00. Let's do salads one more time.

Living Faith United Methodist Church, 1240 Columbus, Holland OH

2018 Mystery Quilt Challenge

Fundraiser

REGISTRATION OPENS:

Monday, August 20, 2018

REGISTRATION LINK available on our website beginning Aug 20th:

www.projectlinus.org

Downloadable clues and videos with detailed instructions revealed each week for 9 weeks beginning

Saturday Sept 15, 2018

All levels of quilting experience (novice to expert) welcome!

COST: \$15 tax deductible donation to Project Linus

Please designate: TOLEDO/LUCAS COUNTY OH Chapter on your registration as the recipient of your \$15 donation

THANK YOU!

Please join us on our Project Linus Mystery

Challenge Facebook Page! Billie Szymanski

2018-19 Board of The Gathering of Quilters Guild

President: Rhonda Kistner

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Treasurer: Susie Todt

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Publicity: Sandy Dallas

Program booklet: Billie Szymanski

Newsletter editor: Hattie Kate Howell

Weekend retreat: Kathy Kanitz & Mary Ann Kolaz

Programs: 2018-19: Vicki Karnes & Kathy Kanitz
2019-20

Membership: Beth Rohrbacher

Challenge: Diana Trost

50/50: Wanda Dyer

Fat quarter raffle: Danielle Kistner

Door Prize: Sheila Painter

Historian: Vicky Jones

Report from Board Meeting August 16, 2018

The board suggests dues remain \$25 per year, but will drop the after-January discount on dues. The \$5 visitor fee can be applied to membership. This will be voted on at the September meeting.

Weekend Retreat
Kathy Kanitz and Mary Ann Kolaz

March 27-31, 2019

Hotel Millersburg, 33 W. Jackson St., Millersburg, Ohio 44654

Reservations: Leslie Byrd, 1-330-674-1457 or 1-740-817-1860

The cost is \$65 a night and includes hot breakfast in the hotel restaurant each morning before 10 am. Other meals are on your own. We will be arranging an Amish Farm Dinner one night.

You may stay as many nights as you wish at this rate.

Take time to visit their website:

<http://www.hotelmillersburg.com>

Talk with your friends, then call Leslie and reserve your room. Some rooms are suites and require more than one guest.; others are single rooms. The elevator is near the sewing areas.

Items to bring: UFO's or new project(s) including fabric and pattern. Sewing machines and accessories like needles, power cord and foot pedal. Rotary cutter, mats and rulers. Be sure to mark personal items. Personal light and comfortable chair are optional but nice. Non-spill cup. Full bar and free coffee and pop. Clothes and toiletries. Hairdryers and small coffee pots are in rooms.

For further information contact

Kathy Kanitz, 734-854-2005, klkanitz@gmail.com

Mary Ann Koiaz, 313-478-1506, mkolaz@yahoo.com

CHARITY DONATIONS

Hi, fellow quilters.....hope you had a fun and productive summer! Don't forget, if you donated any items to charity this summer, I need the info for our accounting to our host church. Tell me what, how many, and to what group they went. You can call or email me, or tell me at the meeting.

Sheila Painter



14th Annual Weekend of Quilts

Toledo Mennonite Church, 5501 Nebraska Avenue

Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13, 2018

Featuring quilts from artists in the Ohio-Indiana-Michigan region. Quilt show hours are 10 am -8 pm Friday, and 10 am -5 pm Saturday. Lunch and refreshments available. Fabrics, quilting supplies, and books for sale.



New this year: a special exhibit of quilts created by Michigan quilt artist Lynn Carson Harris. The nine quilts comprise her Domestic Abuse Quilt Series. Each piece artistically represents an aspect of the effects of Domestic Abuse.

Homemade Dinner will be served on Friday evening starting at 6:30 pm. Entertainment will be provided by 1 A.D., pronounced "one eighty", a Northwest Ohio Christian band playing a unique blend of country, folk and gospel, and contemporary songs.



Everyone is invited to attend all events. Admission is by donation, to support local missions of Toledo Mennonite Church. 419-536-1251 or 419-382-6144 for more information and dinner reservations.

**Please print the membership form separately
so you have room on the back for your comments**

GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2018 - 2019

Please Print Clearly or Use an Address Label

Name _____ Dat _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dues _____ \$25 Sept.-Sept.

Circle Cash or Check # _____ Renewal New member Former member

Birthdate: month/day _____ (optional)

**SEND (or bring to meeting) this COMPLETED FORM and
\$25 cash or check made out to The Gathering of Quilters Guild, P.O. Box
631, Sylvania OH 43560**

Please note that all newsletters, Pieceful Times, will be sent by email.

**If you want or need the newsletter to be sent by USPS (snail mail),
BRING Four (4) #10 (or business-sized) Self-Addressed Stamped Envelopes (SASE)
to the Newsletter Editor, Hattie Kate Howell, at the September meeting.**

Please check the following:

YES NO

_____ 1. I give permission for the above information to be published in a member directory which will be distributed to members only and will not be given to outside sources.

_____ 2. I give permission for my quilt/me to be photographed and published on the guild website and FaceBook page.

If I don't want pictures taken of me or my quilts, I must inform the photographer prior to showing my quilt(s).

**Please report changes of phone # or email address, to Beth Rohrbacher,
Membership Chairman, at <drbeth@buckeye-access.com> or 419-891-1024.**

So that we may better plan programs for the interests of our membership,

please circle any of the following that may apply to you:

**Quilter Collector Traditional Contemporary Art Quilt Charity Work
Modern Piecing Applique Hand Quilt Machine Quilt**

My other skills, hobbies are: _____

My occupation is/has been: _____

Positions served on Guild board: _____

ON BACK: Any comments or suggestions that you wish to make.

What other groups do you quilt with including charity groups?

How would YOU like to help the Gathering of Quilters Guild by using your special talents?