

# *Pieceful Times* *Newsletter*

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## President's Message March 2018

Happy Spring Everyone!

We have just three meetings left for this guild year. I can't believe it has gone by so quickly. I hope everyone has enjoyed the extra meetings in our new schedule.

I have enjoyed the mini demos for quick tips and projects, as well as the bus trip slide presentation.

It was thrilling to see our Gathering of Quilters brick on the donor wall at the International Quilt Study Center and Museum!

I am looking forward to hearing about Irene's Pentagon Quilt presentation, and how she honored our fallen heroes in the days following 9/11.

The stash raffle is always one of my favorite meetings. I always go home with some treasures. Be sure to bring your donations and some cash so you can go home with some new treasures from this meeting.

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered thus far to take a guild position for next year:

Billie Szymanski – program book,

Publicity and Bookmarks – Sandy Dallas,

Beth Lenix and Kathy Stein for the OSU and UM quilt fundraisers.

You ladies are our real treasures.

With needle in hand.

Colleen

### 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  
3/15/18*
- *Meetings are the 3rd  
Thursday of the  
month, Sept—May*
- *No December meeting*



Colleen Florkowski

# **Don't Forget - STASH RAFFLE at the March 15 Guild Meeting!**

Bring & Donate  
your “quilting stuff” to  
the meeting this month!  
Thank you!

Bring address labels to place on your  
tickets &  
cash for purchasing books, patterns,  
etc..

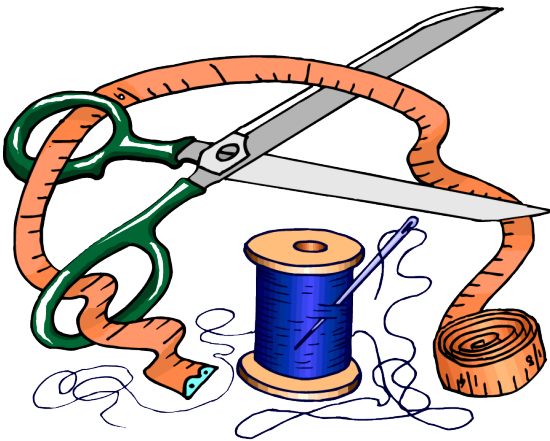
## Don't Forget - STASH RAFFLE at the March 15, 2018 Guild Meeting!

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 quilting supplies and items  
to the Stash Raffle.

And, look forward to playing  
the Stash Raffle!



## *Our March Topic:*

### *The Making of the Pentagon Quilts*

*Speaker: Irene Rose*






The Pentagon Quilt Project was one of five quilts coordinated by the America's 9-11 Memorial Quilts Organization. Irene Rose was the Team Leader for the Pentagon Quilts project. Irene will discuss the planning and making of the quilt, interesting data about the quilts, and the Pentagon Quilt Dedication at the Pentagon, while showing slides of the process and events.

Irene was born in Toledo, OH, and grew up in Sylvania. After graduating from high school, Irene moved to nursing school in Detroit, MI. She worked as an Emergency Dept. RN and a Surgical Intensive Care RN in Detroit, Baltimore, MD, and U of M Ann Arbor, MI. After 40 years of nursing, Irene retired and moved back to Sylvania.

In 1995, Irene started making quilts in order to make a gift for each of her two sons. In late 2009, Irene joined the GOQG. She states her proudest and most fulfilling experience was being the Team Leader of the Pentagon 9/11 Quilt Project. Two double-sized quilts were made which have photos and names of those who died in the attack on the Pentagon on 9/11/01. When the quilts were completed, the Pentagon held a Quilt Dedication for the family and friends of the victims, Pentagon staff, and the makers of the quilt. The quilts are on display at the Pentagon near the 9/11 Chapel.



## 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
-  **“Black & White 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

## Guild Member Interview - Debbie Linenkugel

Debbie was born and grew up in Monroe, MI. She lived in Georgia for a short time and has lived in the Toledo area for approximately 20 years. Debbie has a loving supportive husband, 2 sons, 2 step children, and five grandchildren (ranging in age from 6 – 16 years). Her husband takes an active interest in her quilting, even making adaptive attachments for her sewing machines to help her sewing easier.

Debbie's grandmother made quilts, though that's not where Debbie learned to quilt. When Debbie was 10 – 12 years old, she used to ride her bike to the local K Mart and buy remnants of fabric. She made pinwheels and doll clothes. By the time she was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Debbie made some of her clothes. As an adult, Debbie made garments for herself and her children.

It was not until Debbie lived in Georgia that she began to make quilts. Debbie belonged to a church group that made quilts and did hand quilting. She enjoyed learning and working on the quilts alongside these ladies. Debbie started machine quilting on a domestic sewing machine approximately 10 years ago. More recently, she has been machine quilting on a stationary mid-arm sewing machine. She is currently teaching herself ruler work on her mid-arm.

When it comes to making quilts, Debbie likes to try new and different styles of quilts. Her current new project is Millefiori, which is a hand pieced project. It consists of a unique combination of rosettes that are excellent for fussy cutting favorite fabrics that are hand sewn together. Debbie likes making traditional, modern, and civil war era quilts. And, Debbie has made Bonnie Hunter Mystery quilts for the last 3 years. She is also working on a wholecloth quilt, and, loves doing hand applique. But, Debbie said she loves and is addicted to scrap quilts. She happily admits she is a Scrapaholic! Debbie has won ribbons for some of her quilts at Kaleidoscope and Sauder's quilt shows. She said her most surprising win was 1<sup>st</sup> place for Best Art Quilt at Kaleidoscope last year.

Debbie stays busy taking care of her family and spending time with her grandchildren. She has taught a couple of them to sew. Her 9 year old grandchild made and entered a quilt in the Kaleidoscope Quilt Show last year. Though Debbie has been a nail tech for 30 years, she loves doing many and varied quilt activities. She makes memory and tee shirt quilts on commission for others. She has taught a few quilt classes on occasion, organized the guild annual weekend retreats for years, currently organizes all day sewing retreats for the Quilt Foundry, and attends 2 – 3 out of town quilt retreats every year. Debbie has also made raffle quilts for a veterans group, one of which raised \$1000 for the benefit of veterans.

Debbie has been a member of The Gathering of Quilters Guild for approximately 10 – 12 years. She has held various Chairperson positions within the guild from Refreshments, planning All Day Quilt Retreats, planning and organizing the Guild Annual Weekend Retreats, and Programs. She said she joined because she likes being around other quilters, hand sewing with others, and enjoys hearing the speaker presentations.



## Guild Member Interview

### Rhonda Kistner

Rhonda was born in Bucyrus, Ohio. She is married to her husband of 20 years, Bob, and has two teenage children. Brad is 17 years old and his sister, Danielle, just recently turned 13 years old.

When Rhonda was about 10 years old, she started sewing at her 4 H Club. But, she didn't start making quilts until her son was born 17 years ago. Rhonda has a very down to earth explanation for the type of quilts she makes ... She makes quilts that she can finish in her lifetime. In the meantime, she fosters and supports a love of quilting in her daughter, Danielle. Rhonda started bringing Danielle with her to guild meetings and has taught Danielle to sew. And, Danielle has blossomed as our youngest guild member, thanks to Rhonda.

Though Rhonda works as an Aide to Special Education students at Fallen Timbers Middle School in the Anthony Wayne School System, she is also a small business owner. She has had a longarm quilting business since 2008, called Anthony Wayne Quilting.

Rhonda joined The Gathering of Quilters Guild in approximately 2004. She has held multiple positions in the guild, including Secretary, Fat Quarter Chairperson, and Guild Challenge Chairperson. Show & Tell and chatting with friends are her two most favorite parts of the guild.

Recently Rhonda worked with Danielle and her classmates, and multiple volunteers to make a beautiful raffle quilt made from approximately 200 silk neckties. The quilt was appraised at \$750. The quilt was raffled off at the Anthony Wayne Spirit of Giving Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser held on Friday, February 16, 2018.



## Guild Member Interview Danielle Kistner

Danielle was born in Toledo, Ohio and attends Anthony Wayne High School. She is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Danielle obviously has a sense of humor when answering the interview questions. She states she isn't married and has no children, and then explains she's 13 years old as of this past Oct 6, 2017.

Though Danielle has a job – she works (for her dad) at the BG Laundry Room – she also makes time for playing the trumpet, piano, and harmonica, and she quilts. And, Danielle has been sewing for approximately 2 years.

Danielle started attending guild meetings with her mother, Rhonda Kistner, and became a guild member about a year ago. She enjoys coming to the guild meetings with her mom. Danielle also said she likes the nice people in the guild. And, she has already started participating in guild activities. She is the Fat Quarter & Raffle Chairperson. (Don't forget to add this to your resume, Danielle, when you apply to college.) And, as guild members know, Danielle adds some liveliness and positivity to our meetings. She is a very entertaining young lady.

When Danielle won a jelly roll as a door prize at one of the guild meetings, she made a Lasagna Quilt. Once she completed the quilt, she brought it to a guild meeting and showed it during Show & Tell. When asked what her favorite quilt making style is, she stated lasagna quilts because that's the only kind she had made at the time Danielle answered the interview questions.

Since this interview, Danielle worked with her mother and fellow students and multiple volunteers on a beautiful raffle quilt made from approximately 200 silk neckties. The quilt was appraised at \$750. The quilt was raffled off at the Anthony Wayne Spirit of Giving Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser held on Friday, February 16, 2018. So, maybe Danielle now has 2 favorite quilt making styles.



**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:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$75 Gift Certificate

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50 Gift Certificate

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$25 Gift Certificate

**Check out our website at:**  
**[www.gatheringofquilters.org](http://www.gatheringofquilters.org)**

## 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). Kathy Stein volunteered to be the Michigan person. (Go Blue!!!)

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.**

## 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

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.

### 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](mailto:irose0603@gmail.com)

Take care. Keep calm and keep quilting.

Irene Rose

## 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**

## Thanks for Flannel Fabrics

Thanks for the generous donation of flannel for my Girl Scout project.

February 11th was my World Thinking Day event and the first of the educational, reusable pad-making workshops. The completed pads will be sent directly to Leah Tesfamariam, who runs Leah's Kenya Library in Kenya. She will distribute the pads during her menstrual hygiene outreach programs. Menstrual products are difficult to obtain in Kenya and these pads will help girls remain in school while they are menstruating. Having access to these items makes a difference in the lives, education, and future of the girls.

Thanks again for your donations. I do not need any more flannel donations right now, but I will gladly accept completed pads until May this year.

**Fabrics still needed for the  
OSU and U of M Quilts**

**Please bring your donated fabrics  
to the guild meeting!**

**OSU—reds and grey fabrics  
U of M—maize and blue fabrics  
stripes, polka dots, solids, or prints**

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

## 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.

**Treasurer's Report & Meeting Minutes Draft Not Submitted to  
the Newsletter this month**

## Quilting Economics

