



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.

December, 2025

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

Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Holland Free Methodist Church
6605 Angola Road—Near McCord

Doors Open at 6:30 pm
Meeting begins at 7 pm

Bring:

Fat Quarters—red, pink, white
Show & Tell
Non-Perishable Food for Church
Food Bank
Money and address labels for Raffle
tickets.

Friends interested in quilting

Activity: Guild Stash Raffle

President's Message

End of November already, whew! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am so very Thankful for my family, friends, and Health. I personally do not like snow but it does make the Xmas lights and decorations more beautiful. Hope you are enjoying sewing the last-minute quilts and projects for gifts. Saw a couple craft fairs for ideas & gifts.

Our January meeting, we will have a "Stash Raffle". PLEASE collect and bring some nice things you are no longer using or you know (we may need items) for this fun raffle. Remember to bring some cash for ticket purchase for game.

We will continue to donate nonperishable items for church. They are very appreciated.

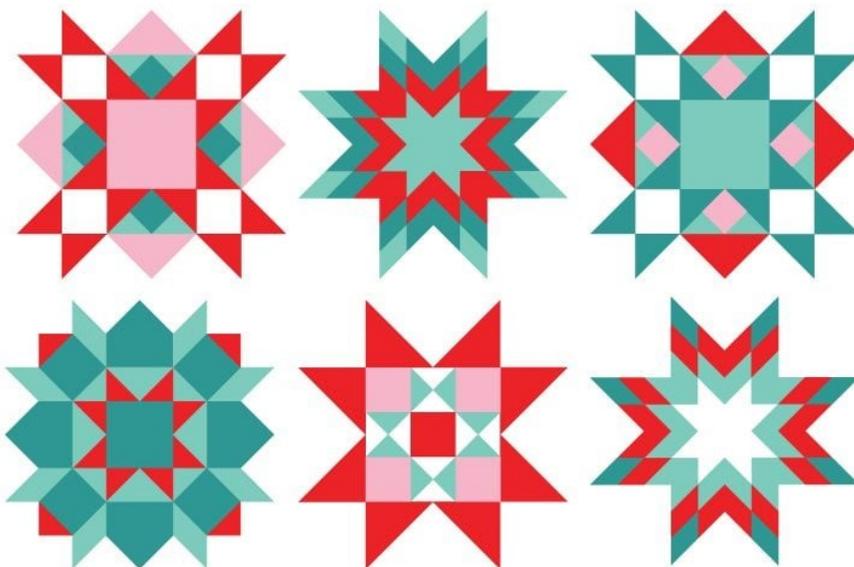
Remember your show and tell, fat quarter pieces for Raffle and Tabs for Ronald McDonald's house.

Donna Medos, President



Treasurer's Report as of October 16, 2025

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,041.12
Income	\$ 664.00
Expenses	\$ 472.33
Ending Balance	\$ 6,232.79





Gathering of Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes—November 20, 2025

Program Speaker: Anita Frances—"How and Why of Longarming".

President Donna Medos called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

October 16, 2025 meeting minutes approved by Carmen El-Amin and Ellie Gabarczyk.

Treasurer's report given by Sue Todt: Balance of \$6,232.79.

Treasurer's report approved by: Ruth Woods and Carmen El-Amin.

Winner of 50/50 raffle: Glenda Kelly.

Winner of Door Prize: Heather Legros.

Winner of Fat Quarters: June Seigneur, Carmi Gulick and Hattie Kate-Howell.

Guests: Angie Hart, Joanne Doenges, Jane Carroll, Maranda Acre, Donna Laird.

New Members: Pam Hart.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2026. Will be "Build Stash Raffle".

The Quilt Gathering Retreat will be in Berlin, Ohio, May 6-9, 2026 at the Comfort Inn Suites. Forms available to fill out and give to Vicki Kames and Dale Burnett.

Carmen El-Amin sends out Comfort Cards as needed to Guild members. Let her know who needs a comfort card.

Quilt Challenge: Carmen El-Amin in charge. Theme will be Scrappy Log Cabin with Red Center. No bigger than twin size. It will be the quilter's choice where to donate.

Website Manager: Beth Rohrbacher and Grace Heinlein.

Newsletter: Mary Blumenstein. Needs articles for the newsletter by November 29.

Renee Long and Laura Kozak are the Gathering of the Quilters Historians.

Linda Young and Laura Kozak manage Facebook Page.

Hattie Kate-Howell picks up and delivers dog beds to area shelters. Last month delivered 17 beds.

Sheiler Painter: Door Prizes and records Charity Quilts donations.

Church Food Pantry: Non-Perishables.

The meeting was moved to adjourn by Ellie Grabarczyk and Sharla Cook.

Respectfully Submitted by Carrie Pierce.



Gathering Retreat 2026

We are pleased to announce that our retreat will be Wednesday, May 6 through Saturday, May 9, 2026. Mark your calendars now! Everyone enjoyed the Berlin Comfort Suites Hotel and Conference Center so we decided to return. Juli Miller will again be available to do chair massages. If you are interested in a massage, you will be asked to sign up early to assist her in scheduling. The best news is that the rate for the sewing room and hotel rooms will remain the same. We will have sign up sheets available at all meetings. The cost of the retreat is \$55. This covers the sewing room along with three dinners. More information will follow. We hope that you can join us!

Vicki Karnes and Dale Burnett



Quilt Challenge

The upcoming challenge is a Log Cabin quilt. The color choices are yours as well as the choice of piecing. The only requirement is that the center block of the Log Cabin must be *red*. The other color choices are up to you. The block can be any size. The quilt cannot be any larger than twin size. This year, you will choose who will get the quilt: give quilt to someone who is going through hard times.



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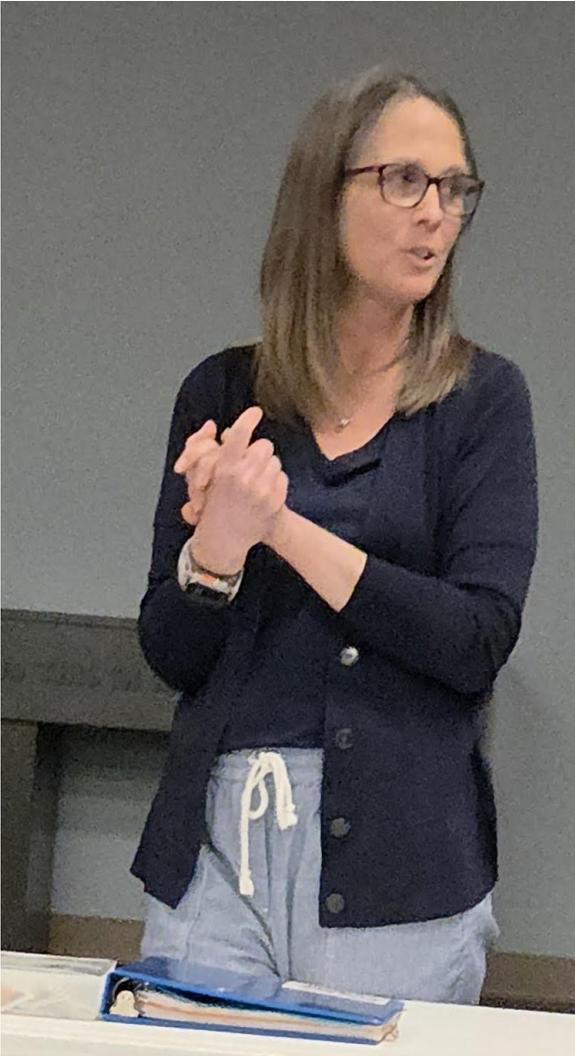
I want to thank everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. I would also like to urge members to send me articles. Did you go to a new quilt shop? Try a new pattern? Visit a quilt show? Find a better way to do piecing? All of these things would be of interest to other quilters.

If you, or someone you know, is unable to receive emailed newsletters, please let me know so I can send out a hard copy to them.

Mary Blumenstein, Newsletter Editor



Speaker—November Meeting Anita Francis—Longarm Quilting



Anita Francis, owner of The Quilt Foundry, explained what longarm quilters are looking for when you bring your quilt tops in for quilting.

1. Press/iron your quilt to make it as Flat as possible.
2. Make sure you don't have any open seams.
3. When sewing on borders, start pinning from the middle and then pin to corners. This will help to keep the quilt squared.
4. Trim all loose threads. It is much easier to trim the threads before quilting.
5. Indicate the top and bottom of the quilt top. Also indicate the top and bottom on the backing.
6. Make sure that the backing and, if you provide, the batting are larger than the top by about 8 inches.
7. Remove salvages from fabric.
8. You can choose your quilting design and thread or you can leave the choice up to the quilter. If you choose your own, talk it over with the quilter for suggestions.
9. The denser the quilting design, the stiffer the quilt.
10. Tee shirt quilts: make sure you stabilize your t-shirt squares to make sure they do not stretch when being quilted.

Thank you, Anita, for giving us the information to help us provide the best quilt tops to our longarm quilters.

Still Collecting: Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Remember to save those pop tabs from your canned drinks.

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Our Ronald McDonald House in Toledo offers comfort, warm meals, and relief from traveling far to care for their child. The House is equipped with supplies and furnishings, creating a more home-like environment for House guests.