



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.

November, 2025

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

Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Holland Free Methodist Church
6605 Angola Road—Near McCord

Doors Open at 6:30 pm

Meeting begins at 7 pm

Bring:

Fat Quarters—red, green, gold
Show & Tell

Non-Perishable Food for Church
Food Bank

Money and address labels for Raffle
tickets.

Friends interested in quilting

Speaker: Lisa Spalding

Topic: The How and Why of
Longarming

President's Message

Happy Fall!! Sue enjoyed the “peak” colors of gold and red a couple weeks ago in Northern Michigan.

Speaking of weather, as winter approaches, tune into TV stations in the Toledo area—11, 12 & 13—for levels of severity. If 2 or above, we'll address the situation of meeting and look for emails concerning meetings.

To further the work of the Church that we meet at, Holland Free Methodist Church, they are asking of our continued support in donations of non perishable food items, cereal and bulk items.

November 20th meeting speaker is going to be the owner of The Quilt Foundry. Anita will speak about “What your longarm quilter wants you to know”.

November theme for Fat Quarter Draw is red, green & gold. Pencil in you calendar for the annual retreat in Maym 6-9.

Can't believe how fast this year is flying by. Wish you many blessings for each of you as Thanksgiving is upon us.

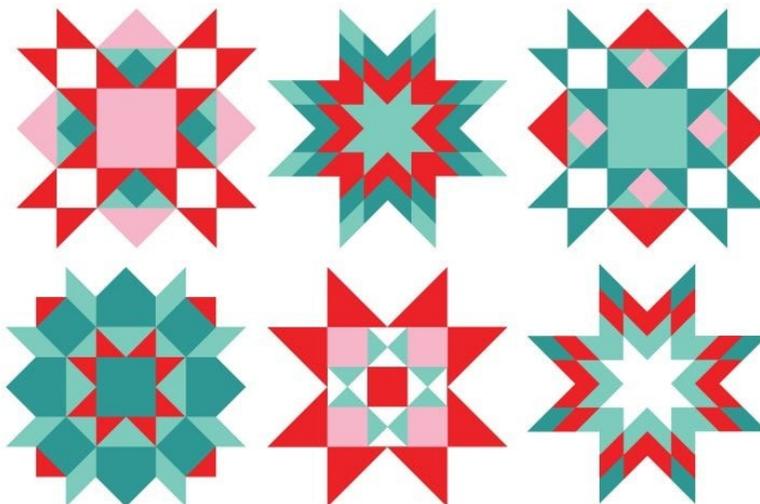
Donna Medos, President



Treasurer's Report as of October 16, 2025

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,827.21
Income	\$1,065.00
Expenses	\$ 51.09
Ending Balance	\$ 6,041.12

Audit has been completed.





Gathering of Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes—October 16, 2025

Program Speaker: Elizabeth Bauman—"Why Quilters are Smart"

Vice President, Renee Long, called the meeting to order at 8:25 pm.

September 18, 2025 meeting minutes approved by : Laura Kozak and Deb Linenkugel.

Treasurer's report given by Sue Todt: Balance of \$6,041.12.

Treasurer's report approved by Carmen El-Amin and Sandy Dale.

Winner of 50/50 raffle: Sandy Dallas

Winner of Fat Quarters: Sue Todt

Winner of Door Prize: Linda Witcos

Guests: None

New Members: None

Next Meeting: November 20, 2025. The speaker will be Lisa Spaulding: "How and Why of Longarming".

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

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

Quilt Challenge: Carmen El-Ain 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: grace Heinlein.

Newsletter: Mary Blumensteinj,

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

Hattie Kate Howell picks up and delivers dog beds to area shelters.

Sheila Painter: Door Prizes and records Charity Quilts donations.

Church Food Pantry: Non-Perishables.

The meeting was moved to adjourn by: Ellie Grabarczyk and Ruth Wood.

Respectfully Submitted by: Carrie Pierce.



Membership News

The Gathering of Quilters roster is attached. Please let us know if there are any changes to the information listed.



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



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

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The Ronald McDonald House is much more than just a House. We are a place where families of critically ill children call home during crisis and uncertainty.

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.



September Meeting Presenter—Elizabeth Bauman

“Why Quilters Are Smart”



Elizabeth was a teacher at Hiram College until she retired last May. She now teaches quilting to various groups including youth classes where they not only learn quilting skills but personal interaction skills as well. She is a member of NEORQC (Northeast Ohio Regional Quilt Council). Elizabeth will be one of the teachers at their Getaway in February, 2026 where she will be teaching a class about working in circles. Her class will be working on the second ‘circle’ piece: Animals Native to Northern Ohio. They will also be able to work on her first piece that shows birds native to Northern Ohio.

There are 3 things that are essential to quilting: chocolate, wine and good friends. There are advantages to quilting such as improving physical and gross motor skills, fine motor skills. It also enhances your creativity, language, cognitive ability, emotional health, social skills and spiritual growth. Quilters also have their own language not often understood by laymen such as ‘Block’, ‘Flying Geese’, etc. She also brought several quilts to show us her creative side. She had done some amazing quilts with raw edge applique. Not only is she an amazing quilter she is also an extremely interesting speaker. Thank you Elizabeth!





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.

Interesting Information About Yo-Yos

Sheila Painter queued me in to some fascinating facts about Yo-Yo's.

What's in a name? Well, I guess it depends which side of the pond you are on. American's call these little gathered circles Yo-Yo's (and it's easy to see why), whereas we Brits refer to them as Suffolk Puffs. Suffolk Puffs are likely to have originated in the county of Suffolk in the UK. The first written record of them is in the early 1600's. They were used to make quilts, and sometimes the gathered circles of fabric were stuffed with wool to make the quilt warmer. In the USA, they're known as yo-yo's, although the technique is exactly the same. Making them is easy and quick and can be done while watching a good movie or listening to an audio book. Simply cut a circle of fabric, stitch a running stitch around the outside edge, gather the fabric in and, voila!, you have a Suffolk Puff. For more complete instructions, check out "YouTube" where you will find loads of videos showing you how to make them!

Fuxico is an age-old Brazilian textile technique that uses up snippets of cloth left over from larger projects. The origins of this technique date back to the colonial era in Brazil when women reused small scraps of cloth while they had a 'fuxico' – gossipy conversation.

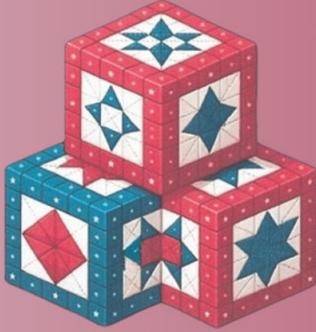


Newsletter Patter

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.

Mary Blumenstein, Newsletter Editor

Quilters Still Play
with Blocks



NEORQC Getaway
February 20-22, 2026

NEORQC 2026 Getaway—February 20-22, 2026

Registration opened on September 1, 2025.

New venue location: Crown Plaza in Middleburg Heights, OH

Registration closes on November 15, 2025.

The url for NEORQC is <https://www.neorqconline.org/>.

Sauder Village—Rotary Cutting 101 Class

Rotary Cutting 101 is the essential starting class for anyone that wants to learn to make quilts. This class teaches the correct way to use a rotary cutter, ruler and mat and focuses on learning to cut accurately and safely. This is an ongoing class and required to take any advanced classes.

Time: 1 hour—1 1/2 hours of class time depending on the number of students.

Instructor: Sauder Village Quilt Shop Staff

Class Fee: \$20 Non-member / \$18.00 Member

Skill Level: Beginner

Location: Sauder Village Quilt Shop in Welcome Center

Link to Quilting Classes page: <https://saudervillage.org/shop/threads-of-tradition/quilting-classes>

Register for this class at Sauder Village Quilt Shop.



We are thrilled to bring you some amazing news! American Quilter's Society (AQS) is hosting AQS QuiltWeek—Columbus, OH, an exciting addition to our lineup of incredible quilt shows in 2026. Be sure to mark your calendars because this must-see event is taking place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, from September 23-26, 2016. We can't wait to see you there!