

Pieceful Times *Newsletter*

President's Message May 2018

The Gathering
of Quilters
Guild

Dear fellow quilters,

I want to tell you how much of a privilege it has been to be your president these past couple of years. I enjoy the camaraderie and the wealth of knowledge I have gained from serving you. We are a wonderful group and I am happy to have been a part of it for many years now. I have always had a dedicated board and committee members who give their all to make our guild successful. I was president for the 25th and 35th anniversary years as well as once in between, but it has always been the members that have sustained the group and stepped up when asked or needed.

It is with that happy thought that I look forward to Rhonda Kistner who has volunteered to be our new president to guide us on our continuing journey together with a craft we all love.

With needle in hand,
Colleen Florkowski

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
5/17/18*
- *Meetings are the 3rd
Thursday of the
month, Sept—May*
- *No December meeting*



Colleen Florkowski

Our May Topic:

Buttons & Embellishments

Speaker: Sue Smith

Button Charm String

As a little girl it was popular for a young girl to string 999 different buttons. My great - grandmother Rebecca Hammand Cheeseborough (whom I called Nana) did this. The string won first prize at the Hancock County Fair in 1867.

The buttons are on the original string. Needless to say I don't lift the string. You are welcome to find the various buttons---B.F. Goodyear---cameos--jet and many more .

Nana died in 1951. My grandmother took care of them until her death in 1977. Now I have that honor.

Susan Smith

Food for Church Charity Food Kitchen

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

Bring your Quilts for the Guild Challenge to the May meeting!

**The May guild meeting is THE meeting to bring your quilt(s) in
for the Mom's House Charity Quilts Guild Challenge!**

We are very excited to see guild members' quilts! And, we are hoping there are lots of quilts to donate to the Mom's House organization.

Only GOQG members may enter the challenge for a prize.

If you are entering a quilt in the challenge for a prize, please do not put your name on the front of the quilt. Please pin a piece of cloth or paper with your name on it, to the back of the quilt. You may only enter one quilt in the challenge for a prize. And, you are very welcome to donate as many quilts to the Mom's House Charity Quilts Challenge as you wish.

In order that the prizes are awarded based on the challenge guidelines, we are asking guild members to vote for the quilt they think

- best represents the guild challenge title "I Spy My ABC's and 1, 2, 3's",
- the best workmanship, and
- meets the challenge rules

These are the only criteria to be considered when you cast your vote.

Diana and Irene will tally the votes during the meeting and announce the winners by the end of the meeting.

We wish all quilters the best!

And, we thank you very much for donating your quilts to the "Mom's House" Challenge. We look forward to seeing you at the May 17th meeting!

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 April 2018 Meeting
For Member Approval**

Program: Kathy Dowd of Wolcott House, Crazy Quilts

Crazy quilts began in the Victorian period with lots of embellishments and using scraps or remnants of fine fabrics used in clothing of the wealthy women. Silks, velvets etc. were popular, but cotton and common fabrics became popular among the working class. Gretchen brought in a few of her collection of amazing embellished and embroidered crazy quilts. In a way they are scrapbooks of fabric of memories.

Meeting: began 8:10

Minutes were approved. Treasurer's report: Stash raffle raised \$380

Nominating: willing to be nominated were Rhonda Kistner for President and Dale Burnett for Secretary! Day Retreat: Elaine Weyandt, 2 day retreats year. Location probably All Saints Lutheran on Heatherdowns near Reynolds. Still looking for a newsletter editor.

New members: Carol Thompson, Valerie Zdybek, and Christina Haines.

Visitor: Sandy Haessle.

Drawings:

Fat Quarter: Diana Burkhardt

50/50: Carmen el Amin

Door Prize: Rhonda Kistner

Weekend Retreat:

You can come early after 8:00 on Thursday. Breakfasts and dinners will be catered. Lunch places are nearby. Bring snacks especially chocolate!

Next years proposed venue: 1847 Millersburg Hotel in Millersburg OH, 3 hours away in Amish country. Many quilt shops nearby and only \$65 a night.

Challenge: due at May meeting so get busy! Nap-sized for pre school kids featuring I Spy My ABC's and/or 1, 2, 3's. These quilts will go to Mom's House.

Sauder Show: coming up soon, May 1-6.






Project Uniform: Kit making May 16 & 17 at Christ Presbyterian Church Talmage at [W. Sylvania 9](#)-noon. Call Hattie Kate at 419-531-9167.

Kaleidoscope Quilt Show, sponsored by Glass City Quilt Commission will be held July 12-13, 2019. You have over a year to complete your challenge! "Prismatic Color Explosion" using at least 19 colors in 36"x36" or less. Go to the GCQC web site for more info.

Recorded by Secretary

Hattie Kate Howell

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
-  “Guy Stuff” 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

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 & nominations:

President - Rhonda Kistner

Secretary - Dale Burnett

Newsletter Editor - Still need nominations

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

Editor's Note to Readers:

My home phone messages were "hijacked" by my cable company for the last couple months without my knowledge. After investigating why I had no messages, I discovered this. If you left a message on "my answering machine" & I did not return your call, this is why. I apologize.

Take care. Keep calm and keep quilting.

Irene Rose

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

Treasurer's Report Not Submitted to the Newsletter this month

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