



# 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.

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

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**Doors open 6:30pm,**

**Meeting begins at 7pm**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT**  
Holland Free Methodist Church  
6605 Angola Road Near Mc Cord  
Program:

**EQ8 quilting software:**

Diane McEwen and Ann Rutter will  
educate us and give one copy to a  
lucky attendee

**Bring**

**Money and Address labels,** for raffles

**Fat-Quarter raffle this month:** Large  
print

**Pull tabs** from beverage cans, soup etc.  
for Ronald McDonald House

**Project Linus** quilts, afghans, comforters,  
and tops

**Show & Tell:** Your new works, (What  
have you done with your stash raffle  
winnings?)

**A friend or so: \$5**

**Non Perishable food** for Holland Free  
Methodist food bank

## Rhonda's Ramblings

**January 2020**



I remember being a kid at school, and thinking that the year 2020 seemed so far away. Well, here we are. As we start a new calendar year, I would like to thank many of you. Thank you to those who have made The Gathering of Quilters fun and enjoyable. Thanks to all of you who brought in items for the stash raffle, as well as, those who purchased tickets. Thank you to board members. I cannot say enough about the board members who have worked to make me look good as the president. Coordinating programs, securing the building, preparing the items needed for their position, and tackling issues as they arise has made my job of leading the meetings seem easy. As this year moves forward, our nominating committee is working on finding members to fill positions that will be open for the 2020-2021 year. Also, we will be hosting a variety of speakers, and then ending our year with the challenge finale in May. The challenges have gotten good response in the past, and I hope that Project Linus, this year's challenge recipients, is in your thoughts and on your machines.

*Rhonda Kistner, President*

## Guild Challenge

### A Quilt for Project Linus

Make a colorful quilt for a child: newborn - 18 years. Make lots and enter the best. I have several finished, but want to try some more patterns, just for fun, and to use up fabric.

Hattie Kate

## ONE-DAY RETREAT

There will be a Gathering one-day quilt retreat at All Saints Lutheran Church on Heatherdowns. January 18, 2020.: The cost will be \$20 with \$5 going to the church and the remaining going toward lunch and afternoon snacks. The retreat will run from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm. There is a limit of 20 people.

Contact Beth Rohrbacher or Gretchen Schultz

## Since The October Meeting:

**Income** from the November Stash raffle: \$482 for guild use.

**Membership** is 73.

Day retreats at All Saints Lutheran Church on Heatherdowns just west of Reynolds: January 18, February 22, March 28. Sign up with Beth Rohrbacher or Gretchen Schultz. Cost is \$25, \$5 for rental and the rest for lunch and snacks. 9am-6pm. A good time to work on UFO's or new projects. Or to enjoy the company and friendship of fellow quilters.

**Weekend retreat:** one bed still available. At the January meeting, Kathy Kanitz will have a list of those registered to attend.

**Programs** for 2020-2021 are in planning stage.

**Nominating:** positions to be filled: President, Secretary, Program person, Publicity and Challenge/Charity chairman, possible membership and newsletter.

**Challenge:** Beth has applied for \$500 grant for batting for our Linus quilts.

**Ongoing:** Dog beds. If you have fabric unsuitable for quilting, perhaps too heavy, bring it in or bags made of it. Washable Scrap fabric or batting is good stuffing. Pieces or strips are more comfortable for the dogs (or cats) that have just had surgery than big chunks.

## Book Corner:

To get away from political stress, I have been reading from the Maisie Dobbs mystery series by Jacqueline Winspear. They take place in England from WW1 through WW2. Nothing to do with quilting but good reading and setting, before my time.

These books and infinitely more are available to download electronically as audio or ebooks from Toledo Lucas County Public Library [TLCPL]. (epub or Kindle.) Many quilt books that you may not be sure you want to buy, you can borrow from the library free.

Gathering of Quilters Minutes

November 21, 2019

President Rhonda Kistner called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. There was no program tonight as there was a stash raffle.

Secretary Report: One correction was made removing a decimal point. Carmen El-Amin moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Diana Lindhorst seconded. Approved.

Treasurer Report: Sue Todt reported that we had a beginning balance of \$7,064.34 and an income of \$639.00. After expenses of \$605.84 we have an ending balance of \$7,079.50. The books are currently being audited.

Membership: Beth Rohrbacher reported that we have one new member and five visitors. The one day retreat will be January 18, 2020. Call or email Beth to register. It will run 9-6 and snacks and lunch will be provided. It will be held at All Saints Lutheran church on Heatherdowns and the cost is \$25. Beth also reported that she is the President of Ohio Quilts. We, along with Billie Syzmanski, chapter coordinator of Project Linus, have applied for a grant of \$500 to pay for batting and a work day to work on Project Linus quilts. This will allow us to make more charity quilts.

Charity and Donations- Please let Sheila know what charity quilts and donations that you have made this year. The Free Methodist Church is given this information and this helps us to keep meeting there.

Quilt Retreat- Kathy Kanitz reported that there are still 3 openings for the retreat at the Millersburg Hotel April 1-5, 2020. She is looking into Shipshewanna for the 2021 retreat.

Program: Thanks to all of the members for bringing in sewing items for tonight's stash raffle. Vicki Karnes reported that the January meeting will be Electric Quilt. They will be donating an EQ8 program for a door prize. We will NOT be having deserts that night.

Rhonda reported that board members will change in May. We will need to get a nominating committee together. The President, Secretary and Program positions are open. Please let Rhonda know if you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or are interested in any of the positions.

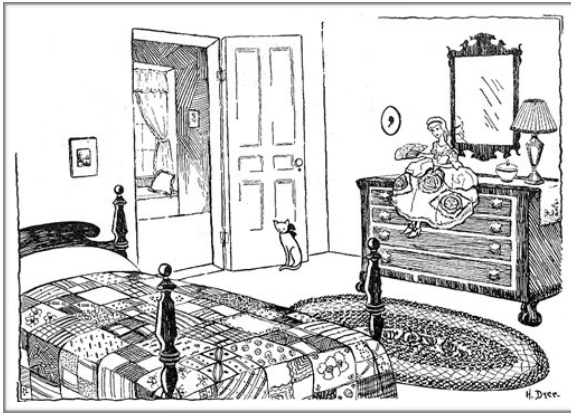
Kathy Kanitz is offering to do an Ohio State and a University of Michigan quilt for our next raffle quilts. This was a great fundraiser for our guild to support programs.

Gretchen Schultz thanked all of the quilters for their support of the quilt show at All Saints Lutheran Church.

Colleen Florkowski moved to adjourn the meeting, Irene Rose seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Dale Burnett, Secretary

**Plan Ahead**  
**Sauder Village 44<sup>th</sup> Annual quilt show**  
April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>, featured guest artist: Lisa Bongean,  
Check their website for more info [www.saudervillage.org](http://www.saudervillage.org)



# THE PATCHWORK QUILT

By Inez Culver Corbin

*The Little French Doll on the bureau sat  
And I wondered what she was staring at.  
It wasn't the rug with the braided row  
Or the door-stop cat that stood just so,  
But the Patchwork Quilt on the walnut bed.  
"Oh, where did you get your colors," she said,  
"Of blue calico and pink crinoline  
And checker-board checks as straight as a pin?"*

*"I was made in the days of the Lamplight Glow  
By a Dear Little Girl that I used to know,"  
Said the Patchwork Quilt with a pensive air  
To the Little French Doll with the golden hair.  
"This calico patch of daintiest hue  
Just matched her eyes of a violet blue,  
And her hair hung down in a flaxen braid,  
As she romped and played 'neath the locust shade.*

*"This pink was a piece of a dimity gown  
That she wore when the soldiers marched into town.  
To the drum's wild beat and the cannon's roar  
She said good-by at the swinging door  
To the lad who never came back to see  
Her waiting beneath the locust tree.  
I'll always remember this white one, I guess,  
For this was to be her wedding-dress.*

*"This Dear Little Girl that I used to know  
Comes drifting back from the Long Ago.  
She stitched her hopes and her rosy dreams,  
Her smiles and her tears in these tiny seams,  
And she lives today as in days gone by."  
But the Little French Doll made no reply.  
She sat very still with the dreamiest stare,  
And I saw a tear-drop glisten there.*

## IN MY SEWING ROOM *thou shalt not ...*

- ... ask when it will be finished
- ... cut anything with my fabric scissors
- ... request that I hem your pants
- ... speak to me when I have seam ripper in hand
- ... tell me I have too much fabric
- ... push buttons on my sewing machine
- ... bring me your clothes to iron
- ... pull on any loose threads
- ... wonder aloud why I'm still in my pajamas
- ... come looking for food—this is not the kitchen



I Googled  
my symptoms  
It said  
I need to  
Quilt  
more



**Editor's note:** Newsletters may be briefer now that they are coming more often. This gives me more time to sew, especially since it is cold out.