



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.

Edited by Hattie Kate Howell September, 2019

www.gatheringofquilters.org



Lisa Spalding

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Doors open 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT

THE QUILT FOUNDRY

234 W. WAYNE ST., MAUMEE, OH

Speaker: Lisa Spalding, Quilt Foundry

How Batiks are made

Bring: Money, a little (or more!) money for raffles and shopping

Fat Quarter: Batik all cotton, quilt shop quality.

Address labels: for raffle tickets

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

Project Linus quilts, afghans, comforters, and tops

Show & Tell: Your new works from summer and charity quilts and your Kaleidoscope entries and winners!

A friend or so; only \$5 (which can be applied to dues for the remainder of the year)

Non Perishable food for Holland Free Methodist food bank

Rhonda Kistner,
President's Letter
for September
2019



It's time again to be inspired! I hope that everyone had a great summer, and as fall approaches, so does a new year for The Gathering of Quilters. We start off the year with a field trip to the Quilt Foundry in Maumee. Please join your friends in car pooling and note locations that have generously let us use some of their parking spaces. The program committee has outdone themselves this year with something to please everyone. See you all soon!

*September is National
Sewing Month!
Sew What?*

THE SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING HAS A CHANGE OF VENUE.

The Quilt Foundry, 234 W. Wayne Street Maumee

MEETING starts at 7 pm; **Doors open** at 6:30 pm

Lisa Spalding speaks about batiks and discount batiks following the program.

PARKING: If you need to park close, use the lot behind the Quilt Foundry or the small doctor's office lot across the street. If you park on the street, don't park close to the stop signs. You may use the the Elks the back row of spaces (closest to the shop). Also at the parking lot across the street from the Elks.

BEST IS TO CAR POOL.

The Gathering of Quilters

May 16, 2019 Minutes

Past President Colleen Florkowski called the meeting to order at 8:29 following a presentation by Sheila Painter on Short Cut Quilts + Mall in the Hall.

The Free Methodist Church has accepted us to use the space next year. Thanks to all of the quilters who have **donated 1276** items this past year.

Secretary Report: Kathy Kanitz moved to accept the April, 2019 minutes as presented. Joyce Smith seconded. Approved.

Treasurer Report: Susie Todt reported that we have a balance of \$6,594.87. Kathy Stein moved to accept the report, Hattie Kate Howell seconded. Approved.

Vote for **Officers** for next year- Kathy Deanda - Vice President. We still need someone or several people to take over programs for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 year. Programs are set for the 2019-20 year. Hattie Kate Howell moved to accept the nominations, Beth Rohrbacher seconded. Approved.

Membership: Beth Rohrbacher reported that we currently have 78 members. Ellen Bowers and Colleen Florkowski won the door prizes.

By Law Vote: Ellie Grabowski moved to accept the changes, Debbie Linenkugel seconded. Approved. Beth Rohrbacher will make the changes and put them on the website.

Program: Vicki Karnes reminded us that the Stash Raffle will be held in November. Start collecting donations of things that you no longer want or need. Tickets will be sold. Bring your friends. No guest fee will be charged for this meeting. Think about inviting younger quilters who might just be starting.

50/50: Vicki Karnes won \$27.00.

Fat Quarter Raffle: Won by Hattie Kate Howell.

Other Announcements: Debbie Linenkugel wanted to thank everyone for their support of the **Kaleidoscope Quilt Show** that will be held July 12 & 13 at Sylvania Exhibition Center. More information about the show can be found at www.gcqc.org.

Thank you to the Program Committee and Rhonda Kistner for a great year.

Challenge Winners: 1st Ellen Bowers, 2nd Chris Giese, 3rd Charlene Williams. Thanks to all who participated in the challenge.

Kathy Deanda moved to **adjourn** the meeting, Mary Ann Kolaz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:46.

Dale Burnett, Secretary

The only place where housework
comes before quilting is in the
dictionary.

5 Health Benefits of Sewing

- 1. Relieves Stress The meditative action of sewing encourages positivity and feelings of relaxation.*
- 2. Promotes brain growth The creative nature of sewing encourages the formation of new brain cells.*
- 3. Happiness Sewing increases dopamine in the brain which makes us feel happy.*
- 4. Fights dementia Sewing keeps the mind clear, focused and active which can help prevent dementia as we age.*
- 5. Improve Hand/Eye Coordination Sewing requires a certain type of attention to detail that encourages coordination, especially hand/eye.*

Fat Quarter Themes for 2019-2020

September: Batik
October: Bright
January: Large Print
February: Geometric
March: Birds
April: Sewing Theme
November and May meetings: None. The focus is on the programs for these evening.

Links of Interest:

Project Linus of San Jose has links to many easy quilting, knitting, fleece and crochet blankets.

Pinterest has more links than you can imagine, which make them less accessible.

FaceBook has lots of cute cartoons some of which I am sharing with you.



UP COMING EVENTS

WORKSHOP TO MAKE A CUTTING BOARD TOTE

There will be a workshop on November 21 at the Quilt Foundry for the mat board tote class taught by Chris Foreman. The cost of the workshop is \$25. Kathy Kanitz will quilt your fabric if she receives it before the September meeting. Her charge will be \$10 for the foam. Contact Kathy Kanitz

ONE-DAY RETREAT

There will be a Gathering one-day quilt retreat at All Saints Lutheran Church on Heatherdowns. Date to be announced. 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

October 17 meeting

Jacqueline de Jonge, Internationally popular quilter and speaker from Holland

will speak on "Be Colourful World-How she started in 1978-Present" Bring your friends, only \$5 for guests, members, free.

November 21 meeting Stash Raffle

Books will be \$3; start gathering your surplus fabric, patterns and sewing related items. This is chance to clean your studio and to get good stuff and for the guild to raise money for programming.

2020 Gathering of Quilters Guild Quilt Challenge

Project Linus Comfort Quilt Challenge

Project Linus is comprised of nearly 300 chapters across the United States and Canada. All are directed by volunteers who work from their homes.

Mission statement:

First: Provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need, through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Second: Provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local chapters

Challenge Guidelines

1. Members may make as many quilts as they desire for Project Linus, but only one quilt per member entered in the guild challenge will be eligible for a prize.
2. Quilt entered must be made entirely by a guild member.
3. Quilt should be child friendly using bright, happy colors. It may be themed; pets, sports, cartoon characters, toys. Or simply your favorite pattern using bright colors.
4. Quilt must have three layers: top, batting, backing and binding. no attached embellishments.
5. Quilted, not tied, and entirely washable and dryable.
6. Sized 40" to 50" wide and 50" to 60" long.
7. Bring to May meeting to be considered for voting. Members of the guild will vote for the quilts which best reflect the guidelines and have quality workmanship. First prize, \$75; second, \$50; third, \$25 gift certificates.
8. Quilts following the guild challenge rules can be accepted from other guilds or individuals, but will not be considered for prize.

Contributions to Charities

Remember to report your sewn contributions to charitable organizations to **Sheila Painter**. She gives this data (no names!) to the church where we meet as a condition of our meeting there. She regrets having missed some recent meetings, but remember, you can report by phone, email and text, too!

Weekend Retreat

The retreat has filled up, However there are some vacancies in multi-person rooms.

2020 Quilt Retreat is April 1-5 at the 1847 Hotel Millersburg, call Leslie Byrd at (740)817-1860 for reservations! The price will be the same \$65 per person per night.

Mary Ann and I will be there Wednesday through Sunday. Come early stay late!

Kathy Kanitz 734-854-2005, Leslie@Hotel Millersburg, 1 (740) 817-1860, +1 (740) 817-1860



I believe that
God would not have made me
so creative if he/she wanted
me to clean the house
everyday (or month).



Quilt Show Panic, Stage 2: The All-Nighter



Book Corner

- What are you reading when you are not sewing? Quilt books? I just finished "Stuck in Manistique." A fun summer read.
- What new technique has you captured?
- I have been doing tube blocks, but got bored and cut them up like disappearing 9-patch.
- To stay out of trouble, I got a job with the Census. Part-time temporary. Make money for machine repairs!

Quilt Gardens

in Northern Indiana are delightful for a **road trip**. Google Elkhart quilt gardens and Heritage Way for more info. I went with two friends a couple weeks ago. We stopped at the visitor center at the Elkhart exit of the turnpike and got good info and good map. It is free except for the gasoline. There is still time for the flowers to be great. A couple of good navigators really help! I amazed my friends with my frequent tight u-turns! Fun for quilters and for gardeners.



Quilt Shows

Kaleidoscope had many winners from our guild. Bring your entries and winners to our meeting for Show and Tell.

Sauder Village 2020 quilt show, their 44th, will be held Wed., April 29-Sun., May 3. Their featured guest artist will be Lisa Bongean. Their challenge will feature homage to Amelia a 1920's woman. Go to www.saudervillage.org for more info.

Toledo Mennonite Church's 15th annual Weekend of Quilts this fall October 11-12, 5100 Nebraska Ave. Donations go to help local missions.

Lunch Friday and Saturday. Fabric and sewing stuff for sale. This a fun, attractive show. Handicap accessible.

All Saints Lutheran Church on Heatherdowns is planning a quilt show November 8 & 9. Gretchen Schultz will give us more info in the next Pieceful Times.

Quilt Shops Closing

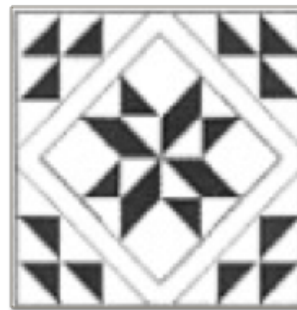
Stitch Bernina on Holland Sylvania closed in August.

The Material Girls in Dearborn is also closing their online store, retiring. Shop owners have served us well but deserve the choice to retire.



Gathering of Quilters

Membership Form 2019 – 2020



Please Print Clearly or Use an Address Label

NAME _____

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTHDATE (Optional) Month/Day _____

Dues: _____ \$25 Sept.-Sept. _____ \$10 after March Meeting

Circle: Returning Member New Former

Circle: Cash Check # _____ (Made out to Gathering of Quilters Guild)

Send (or bring to a meeting) this completed form with payment to: Gathering of Quilters Guild; P.O. Box 631; Sylvania, OH; 43560

Please check the following:

Yes No

_____ 1.) I give permission for the above information to be published in a member directory which will be distributed to members only and will not be given to outside sources.

_____ 2.) I give permission for my quilt/me to be photographed and published on the guild website and Facebook page. If I don't want pictures taken of me or my quilt(s), I must inform the photographer prior to showing my quilt(s).

****Please report changes of phone # or email or address, to Beth Rohrbacher, Membership Chairman, at <drbeth@buckeye-access.com> or 419-891-1024.**

**** Please note that all newsletters, *Pieceful Times*, will be sent by email. If you want or need the newsletter to be sent by USPS, BRING Four (4) business-sized Self-Addressed Stamped Envelopes (SASE) to the Newsletter Ed., Hattie Kate Howell, at the Sept. mtg.**