



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.

February, 2026

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

Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Holland Free Methodist Church
6605 Angola Road—Near McCord

Doors Open at 6:30 pm

Meeting begins at 7 pm

Bring:

Fat Quarters—

Show & Tell

Non-Perishable Food for Church
Food Bank

Money and address labels for Raffle
tickets.

Friends interested in quilting

Guest Speaker: Lois Rawlings

Scrappy T-Shirts and More

President's Message

January is a great month for hunkering down and playing with our treasured stash. I just enjoyed a wonderful retreat and look forward to more retreats this year. Please see Vicki Karl's or Dale Bennett for forms for our annual guild in May.

January guild meeting was fun and we made approximately \$140.00 for guild funds. Plentiful treasures were exchanged!!

Lois Rawlings will be our speaker in February. Remember to bring nonperishable items for the Church food bank.

Stay warm and safe.

Donna Medos, President



Treasurer's Report as of October 16, 2025

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,232.79
Income	\$ 684.00
Expenses	\$ 150.00
Ending Balance	\$ 6,766.79

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wants to quit

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Minutes for 1/15/2026

Guild Stash Raffle this evening.

President Donna Medos called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

November 20, 2025 meeting minutes approved by: Renee Long and Carmen El-Amin.

Treasurers report given by Sue Todt: Balance of \$6,766.79.

Winner of 50/50: Billie Symanski.

Winner of Door Prize: Kathy McAuley.

Winner of Fat Quarters: Vicki Kames.

Guest: Deb Magnan.

New Members: Joanne Doenges and Donna Laird.

Next meeting: February 19, 2026: "Scrappy T-Shirts and More" - Lois Rawlings.

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 Dale Burnett and Vicki Kames.

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. The 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 Blumenstein. Needs articles for the newsletter 5 days before the end of the month.

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

Linda Young and Laura Kozak manage the Facebook Page.

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

Ruth Wood: Pop Tabs taken to Ronald McDonald House.

Sheila Painter: Door Prizes and records Charity Quilts.

Church Food Pantry: Needs Non-Perishables.

The meeting was moved to adjourn by: Laura Kozak and Billie Szymanski.

Respectfully Submitted by Carrie Pierce.

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.

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



Quilting Activities in Ohio/Michigan

March 13-14, 2026 - Quilt Spectacular, Columbus Metropolitan Quilters, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Edwards Bldg., 5035 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard 43026. \$6. 100+ quilts, silent auction, vendors, raffle, boutique/garage sale, food available. www.cmquilters.org

July 23-25, 2026—Quilters Hall of Fame Celebration featuring Judy Martin. Judy made her first quilt in 1959. Since that time, she has significantly influenced quilting in terms of craft, aesthetics and industry standards. Location: 926 S Washington Street, Marion, Indiana, in the former home of Marie Webster, an influential quilt designer in the early 1900s.

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, The **Quilters Hall of Fame** is calling for mini quilts that reflect the statement, “What Freedom Means to Me.” Entries will be juried and those chosen will be showcased in an exhibit at Celebration 2026, in Marion, Indiana July 23 – 25, 2026. Participating quilts will be eligible to win a cash award judged by a certified judge.

You can get more information at: <https://quiltershalloffame.net/>

September 23-26, 2026—AQS: Quilt Week in Columbus, Ohio at Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

Quilty Show Hours: Wednesday, September 23, 2026—9am to 5pm
 Thursday, September 24, 2026—9am to 5pm
 Friday, September 25, 2026—9am to 5pm
 Saturday, September 26, 2026—9am to 4pm

URL for web site: <https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/show/columbus-2026/>



Activity—January Meeting



Wow! What a selection of items from member's no longer needed supplies! So many little bags to put the tickets in. What don't I have? What will match with what I already have? Fabric, patterns, do-dads, what nots. Lots of fun.

Some members needed a wheeled cart to get their winnings to the car. Lots of laughter and fun. Glad to have been there and am enjoying my special items.

Mary Blumenstein, Newsletter Editor

Donation Items for Door Prizes

Fabric: current, quilt shop quality yardage, precuts (charm packs, jelly rolls, layer cakes, etc). Patterns: current quilt patterns, no sweatshirts, curtains or bags. Thread: full or partial spools of name brand threads, nothing old. I'm in good shape for notions, but if you have a fun, useful notion, I'd be happy to accept it. We also need quilty totebags/ storage boxes to hold the door prizes. Rule of thumb: please donate what YOU would want to win! Thanks, I so appreciate you, as we have no budget for these monthly prizes!

Donations to Charitable Organizations

Don't forget, the items we make and donate to charitable organizations are tabulated and reported to the church where we meet. The church board meets yearly to review our numbers and decides whether to renew our lease for our monthly meeting room. So please report to me each and every quilt/made item you have donated, by text, phone, email, or in person at a meeting...it really matters!

Sheila Painter

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.