



# 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

February 2020

<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: New Trends In Modern Quilting  
Presented By Lake Erie Mercantile.**

**Bring:**

**Money and Address labels, for raffles**

**Fat Quarter raffle this month: GEOMETRIC**

**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**

**Scrap Happenin' Day  
(to benefit Project Linus)**

**Monday, February 24th**

**10 am-2pm**

(Doors open for set-up at 9:30am)

Use up your stash and scraps!

Come join in to sew for 4 hours using 10" squares and a background. The postcard pattern is by Villa Rosa and is called "Darcey". The card is for a small quilt but we have figured out instructions for a throw, twin and queen. The cost for the retreat day is \$10: \$5 for the church/\$5 to benefit Project Linus. The pattern is \$2 and comes with our larger directions as well. Some of you may already have the pattern as it was sold at Sonflower and was a class too. In that case, we'll just give you our instructions for a larger quilt if you want them. We have irons and ironing boards, surge protectors, extension cords, and some cutting boards....bring your cutters, rulers, machine and any notions you will need.

Bring a side dish to share and we will have 2 kinds of soup. You'll want to bring a beverage for yourself.

**Location: Living Faith United  
Methodist Church**

**1240 Columbus Drive  
Holland, Ohio**

**Contact Billie Szymanski for  
further info.**



**ANY DAY SPENT  
Sewing  
is a GOOD DAY.**

## Since The January Meeting:

**Membership:** now 76 with the five new members

**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.

**Safety: Snow:** if it is Level 2 or 3 snow emergency, stay home. Level 1, use your best judgement.

**Approach** the church from McCord, to turn right into the drive. When it is dark out, it may be hard to find the drive from a left turn. (Ask Hattie Kate about the hazard of left turns!)

**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 rather than big chunks are more comfortable for the dogs (or cats) who have just had surgery. Do not overfill them before sewing up the opening.

### 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)

Their challenge for 2020 is a wall hanging honoring the flapper woman who represented independence in a changing world.

**It's ok to cut  
negative people  
out of your life...**

**just don't use your  
fabric scissors.**

I believe God would not have made me  
so creative  
if she wanted me to clean the house

### Just to reminder everyone:

#### Blanket Day

Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 2:00  
at Living Faith UM Church.

1240 Columbus Drive, Holland, Ohio

Thanks, Billie

## Gathering of Quilters Minutes

January 16, 2020

President Rhonda Kistner **called the meeting to order** at 8:34 following a presentation about Electric Quilt 8 (EQ8).

**Secretary Report:** No corrections were made to the minutes. Billie Szymanski moved to accept the minutes, Ellie Grabarczyk seconded. Approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Susie Todt corrected an 88 cents error in the November report. In January, we had a beginning balance of \$7,096.62 with an Ending Balance of \$7,628.28 with expenses of \$175.00. The guild earned \$466.62 from the Stash Raffle.

**Retreat:** Kathy Kanitz reported that the retreat will be held April 1-5, 2020 at the Hotel Millersburg. There are several rooms available. Let Kathy know if you have any changes. To make a reservation or cancel your room you can call Meghan at 1-330-674-1457 Ext. 3. The cost is \$65/night per person. Breakfast is included in your room cost. Please remember to tip the breakfast servers.

**Membership:** Beth Rohrbacher reported that we now have 76 members with five new members tonight. She also reminded the membership of the all day retreat at All Saints Lutheran Church on Nebraska on January 18.

**Ohio Quilts Grant:** Billie Szymanski, Diana Trost and Beth Rohrbacher wrote a request for a \$500 grant to cover batting and work days for Project Linus quilts. We were awarded the grant. March 28, 2020 will be a work day at All Saints Lutheran Church from 10-4. Pizza and drinks will be provided for the membership to work on the quilts. Beth will be bringing batting to the meetings. You will need to sign that you have received the batting. Quilts not entered in the challenge need to be turned in by September, 2020 as we need to turn in a list of the quilts donated using this batting. Quilts turned in in September can be tied. Quilts for the Challenge must be quilted.

**Charity Items:** Please give Sheila Painter charity donation information. We need to turn in a list to the church in order to continue to meet here. The list is amazing.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Kathy Kanitz is leading the Nominating Committee. We need the following officers:

Publicity- get in touch by email to newspapers regarding our meetings and preparing a bookmark to hand out with the information. There is a list available.

Program Book:

Retreat 2021- Kathy Kanitz will give it up if anyone is interested.

Challenge/Charity: Kathy Stein

Website: Beth Rohrbacher will take this office if anyone will take over membership.

Membership, Hattie Kate Howell possible [if someone else takes over newsletter]

**Secretary, President, Programs, Newsletter, 50/50 raffle,**

Please contact Kathy Kanitz if any of you are interested in any of these positions.

**THE SAUDER QUILT SHOW** is scheduled for April 29-May 3. Check their website for more information.

**PROGRAM:** Vicki Karnes reported that next month's program will be New Trends in Modern Quilting presented by Lake Erie Mercantile.

**The Fat Quarter** will be geometric.

**Winners:** Bill Kniss won the door prize. Susie Todt won the EQ8. Susie Todt won \$50 in the raffle. Helen Stanton won the Fat Quarter bundle.

Wanda Dyer moved to **adjourn** the meeting. Kathy Deanda seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:02.

Dale Burnett, Secretary

## BY THE YARD

by Jen Lopez



### Singer Featherweights

(Not lightweight singing wrestlers)

In recent months I bought a Singer Featherweight sewing machine made when I was 7 year old. Since then I have discovered a Facebook group as fanatic as Red Hat Society or old car restoration buffs. Okay, I have offended everyone now! Mine does not run too well yet, or look brand new. However it weighs less than other machines in my house. In future issues I would like to hear what you have to say about your favorite or worst sewing machine.

Editor

### Findlay Sewing Center

1207 Tiffin Ave, Findlay, OH 45840  
is having a fabric sale on bolts

**February 10-15**

**\$8.49 in their fabric**

They also have classes available with  
Gary Harvey in March

### Guild Challenge

#### A Quilt for Project Linus

Make a colorful quilt for a child: newborn - 18 years. Size, Width: 40-50", Length: 40"-60". Make lots and enter your best. I have several finished, but want to try some more patterns, just for fun, and to use up fabric. These quilts will be given, through Project Linus, to patients in the local children's hospitals and new foster children.

Editor

### ONE-DAY RETREAT

The one-day quilt retreat at All Saints Lutheran Church on Heatherdowns, January 18, 2020, was fun as we worked on our various projects. The retreat which ran from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm. included lunch and snacks.

Editor