

# THE PIECEFUL TIMES

Newsletter for the Gathering of Quilters Quilt Guild, Toledo, Ohio

edited by Lynette Brown

**Date: March 19, 2015**

Time: 7 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Holland Free United  
Methodist Church

6605 Angola Rd  
Holland, Ohio

Entrance- south end  
of building

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**Program Speaker**

**Mary Baljcz**

**"Scrap Happy"**

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**Remember to  
bring a  
nonperishable  
food item to  
donate to the  
church**

## President's Letter

Hello Fellow Guild Members

Next weekend, (March 8<sup>th</sup>) we will be turning our clock forward one hour and hopefully that means that warm weather is not too far away. Spring will soon be upon us, and we as guild members know, spring is a season of challenge, change, and volunteers. First is challenge: Have you started your "Quilting Through the Seasons" challenge quilt? Or have you finished it? Remember, this challenge coincides with the Kaleidoscope quilt show challenge, so it can also be entered there. Next is change: We have some board and committee chairs that need to be filled. Candidates for Vice President and Treasurer are being sought for election to the board. Lastly, and most importantly, are volunteers. We need volunteers to serve as a nominating committee to seek candidates to fill these positions. And most importantly we need YOU to volunteer and say "YES" when asked to serve your guild, by filling one of these positions. OOPS! There it is: You have been challenged to make changes by volunteering. It's not hard work at all, and it's a lot of fun coming together for the board meetings. Really it is. Kathy D. has volunteered to do Publicity for 2016 and Candy Colleen has volunteered to do the 2016 Michindoh Retreat. I'd like to thank each of you, for stepping up to serve our guild. I look forward to serving with both of you.

Do you know of any up-coming quilt shows or quilt related events happening in or around the area that would be of interest to the guild members? If so, please, share any and all information you know about them. All day retreat at Quilt Heaven -March 28<sup>th</sup>. Michindoh Retreat-April 10,-12th. Sauder Village Quilt Show April 28<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kaleidoscope Quilt Show-July 24&25. Hope to see many of you at these events.

Ellie

## Mary Baljcz, speaker

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Mary comes from Milford, Michigan. Her friend and partner, Cindy Geist, who is an award winning machine quilter, will be accompanying Mary. They both have quilts in national shows and they both teach. Cindy also hand dyes fabric, some of which will be at the meeting.

Mary has made quilts for 35 years and is constantly delighted by the endless ways fabrics can be combined into a beautiful and useful quilt —art that keeps you warm! She also makes smaller art quilts, reversible silk jackets, and loads of handbags. About 12 years ago Mary discovered “free cut piecing” a technique that lets one “draw” with a rotary cutter. It’s her artistic voice! Learn more at [www.scrap-happy.biz](http://www.scrap-happy.biz) to see her work.

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## MICHINDOH RETREAT NEWS!

The MICHINDOH Retreat Raffle will be drawn during the March 19th business meeting. **LAST CHANCE**, you may purchase a raffle ticket at the March meeting. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20, and the winner will receive free admission to the Gathering's retreat April 10-12, 2015 at the Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale, Michigan.

The retreat is full, BUT currently no one is on the wait list!! So, if you are interested in attending a great retreat, at a wonderful location, with yummy food, and not to forget having the best time quilting, sharing ideas, and bonding with other quilters, **PLEASE CALL** to put your name on the wait list. Call Diana Jacob 419-475-6436 - 9-22 March, call Margie Stone 734-854-2381 before and after those dates. **GOOD LUCK** to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. And, **THANK YOU** to all retreat attendees for your support.

Co-Chair Margie and Diana.

## ALL DAY RETREAT—good time for all!

A good time was had by all at our 1st all day retreat in December. It was great to see Santa and Mrs Claus show up! Our next retreat is in March and is FULL! Because of the success and great response of these retreats, it was decided at our last board meeting to have four All Day Retreats per year in the future. Dates will be announced soon.

Debbie Linenkugel

## **NEW Classes for Quilters**

Lynette Brown, GOF quilt member, will be offering two classes in June and August for quilters:

**Let's Talk Color - June 7 2:00-4:00, August 15, 2:00 - 4:00**

Are you confused by color choices? Unless you have an art background, (and many quilters don't) you may be uncertain how to choose colors for your work, how to place colors for best effect, and how to use color values to add interest to your quilts. This two hour class will cover color BASICS and why some quilts "pop" and others don't!

**Planning an Art Quilt - June 27 2-5 pm, Aug 22 2-5 pm**

This class is for those who would like to try their hand at an art quilt but are uncertain where to start. We will talk about 3 different kinds of art quilts—landscape quilts, photo appliqué quilts, and improvisational pieced quilts—and where to start, what supplies and fabrics you'll need, and how to make a plan.

**Interested? Call Lynette for details— 419-3495762**

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## FAT QUARTER THEMES

### **May - Reptiles or Bugs**

**For every fat quarter you donate you get three raffle tickets. You can also purchase tickets for \$1.00 each.**

## 2014-15 Challenge- Quilting Through the Seasons

This year your challenge is to make an original wall hanging or quilt that shows an interpretation of the season. It can be NO LARGER THAN 36 X 36. You may use any color or fabric you choose. Any technique is permissible—pieced, fused, appliqué, thread painted, etc. Your entry must have three layers and be quilted with a binding. Voting, by the membership will take place at the May 21st meeting. All submissions need to be made entirely by the person submitting it.

1st place- \$75.00 gift certificate      2nd place - \$50.00 gift certificate

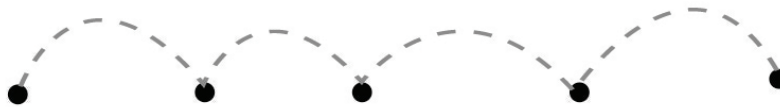
3rd place - \$25 gift certificate

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Shop Hop



March 19 - 21

Thursday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Join fellow quilters in hopping from shop to shop for prizes, special sales, a free gift and more...

- **Prizes** - Quilt Cash totaling **\$1000.00!**
- \$50.00 value **door prize** at each shop
- **Free Fat Quarter pattern** at each shop
- Each shop will have a sample of their pattern on display
- Special sales plus **20% off** selected fabrics
- Bus trips sponsored by Sonflower Quilts, Sew What and The Material Girls.
- Passports **only \$5.00** and includes a free gift.

**Buy your Passport from any of these locations...**

**The Material Girls**  
1850 Grindley Park  
Dearborn, MI 48124  
313-561-1111

**The Quilt Patch**  
112 N. Evans St.  
Tecumseh, MI 49286  
517-423-0053

**Sew What!**  
144 Sycamore  
Wyandotte, MI 48192  
734-281-1344

**Sonflower Quilts**  
6600 Sylvania Ave.  
Sylvania, OH 43560  
419-885-4438

**Quilt Foundry**  
234 W. Wayne St.  
Maumee, OH 43537  
419-893-5703

**Threads of Tradition at Sauder Village**  
22611 State Route 2  
Archbold, OH 43502  
419-445-9610

**Ann Arbor Sewing Center**  
5235 Jackson Rd  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
734-761-3094

## Upcoming Quilt Shows - Mark your calendars!

March 26-28 **Original Sewing and Quilt Expo**, I-X Center, 6200  
Riverside Rd, Cleveland, Ohio [sewingexpo.com](http://sewingexpo.com)

April 28 to May 3 **Sauder Village Quilt Show**, Sauder Village,  
22611 St Rt. 2, Archbold, Ohio  
Deadline for quilt registrations is March 31, 2015.  
[saudervillage.com](http://saudervillage.com)

June 6-7 **577 Fiber Arts Show**

Two day exhibit that highlights art from a wide variety of  
contemporary fiber artists (that includes quilting). Held at the 577  
Foundation in Perrysburg, Ohio. Deadline for applications for this  
juried show is April 17, 2015. [fiber577.com](http://fiber577.com)

July 24-25 **Kaleidoscope of Quilts Quilt Show** -Tam O Shanter,  
7060 Sylvania Ave, Sylvania. [gcqc.com](http://gcqc.com) (Website with details will  
be up soon)

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### Project Linus News

**\*March 7, 2014 Quilt Heaven - 10:00 am**

**\*March 13, 2014 at Living Faith United Church - 10:00 am**

<b>Gathering of Quilters Guild</b>			
<u>Treasurer's Report</u>		<u>As of February 3, 2015</u>	
<u>Income</u>			
Beginning Balance	\$	5,325.30	
Membership		1,810.00	
Guests		20.00	
50/50 Raffle		86.00	
Fat Quarter Raffle		40.00	
Retreat		4,980.00	
Retreat Raffle		110.00	
All Day Retreat		1,312.00	
<u>Total Income</u>	\$	13,683.30	
<u>Expenses</u>			
Membership	\$	75.99	
Program Books		140.67	
Speaker		622.05	
Publicity		24.90	
Retreat Deposit		700.00	
All Day Retreat		282.37	
Office (petty cash ,etc)		162.59	
Website		104.76	
<u>Total Current Expenses</u>	\$	2,113.33	
<u>Encumbered Expenses</u>			
Hall Rental	\$	375.00	
Speaker Fees		392.00	
Retreat		3,700.00	
<u>Total Encumbered Expenses</u>	\$	4,467.00	
<u>Total Current and Encumbered</u>	\$	6,580.33	