

Pieceful Times Newsletter



The Gathering of
Quilters Guild

President's Message

September 2016

Welcome back, Gathering Members! I hope you have had a fun filled and productive summer. I am excited to be president again. For those of you new to the Gathering I was president in 2006 – 2008 and again 2010 – 2012 for a total of 4 nonconsecutive years, and now again for a 2 year run! I have always said being President is the best job!!!

Guess what? The Guild will be celebrating our 35th birthday next September 2017. That is so exciting! We had a sensational silver birthday for our 25th with a matching challenge theme, and a very special 30th celebration with many of the former presidents being in attendance, receiving a special recognition. Now we need you and a friend, it is always more fun to work with someone, to plan our 35th birthday bash. I will be asking for names to plan this at our September meeting. Start thinking how you can make this a special event for all of us!

The Board has been busy, and we have an exciting year planned for you as well as a heart-warming and sunny challenge. Now it is your turn - I am giving you all a challenge this year: Everyone try and bring in one new member. Every time I meet someone that is interested in quilting I ask them if they are a member of a guild and to join ours. It is very simple and fun to meet new quilters. Sometimes I run into a former member and ask them to rejoin. I received a phone call a week or so ago from a lady that belongs to the church where we meet, and she wants to join along with her sister-in-law and best friend!!! I will be looking for Rhoda at the September meeting. We voted to reduce the visitor fee to \$5 so that will be a bonus!

There are few other items that we need help with – two of them were taken by our wonderful board members Ellie and Beth – doing double/triple duty so now there is one last job. **We need someone to be program chair(s) for next year 2017/18.** I did this job with a friend, more she than me, after I was president last time. It is a lot of fun to pick out programs – hey that's how you get your favorite teachers and topics! Actually folks - that is what makes the Guild so great - when everyone volunteers to do this or that to help out. Many hands make light work – and quilts ;o)

I have one final topic to bring up. We are wondering what you all think about having 8 meetings a year instead of just 5? Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May. It gives you off for the holidays and summer months. Please think about the pros and cons, questions you may have and especially any suggestions you may have for this new initiative. We will have a survey form at the September meeting for you to share your thoughts.

Happy Quilting,

Colleen Florkowski

Our September Speaker:

Debbie Grifka

“Lines to Designs”

Top of Form
Bottom of Form



My name is Debbie Grifka and I love to design and make quilts! Bold, graphic quilts are my favorites.

I have been sewing since I was young and made lots of my own clothes through high school, work and pregnancies. Somehow, I didn't find much time to sew after my daughters were born! When I did manage a little time to sew I made dresses for the girls, Halloween costumes and home dec projects.

I had been interested in quilting for years, but had never committed myself to what seemed like an overwhelming and large project. Even so, I bought several books and some tools. One day in 2002, I began to work on a wall hanging. I'm not really sure what combination of factors lead me to start that day, but I have been obsessed ever since. I love designing and making quilts!

It has been such an interesting journey to discover what kinds of quilt are my style. I like so many different “styles” of quilts that it took some time for me to figure it out. For me, it is all about the graphic impact of the quilt, including the colors. I like to make modern quilts with traditional materials. I love what you can do with fabric, a needle and some thread (a sewing machine helps too!).

I don't have any education in art or design. In fact, for most of my life I didn't even consider myself to be very creative. My jobs have been primarily in the accounting/administrative/secretarial areas.

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REMEMBER TO BRING THESE ITEMS:

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Completed Membership form & dues



“Jewel Tone” Fat Quarters for Raffle Basket



Address Labels for raffle use



Pop tabs



Retreat form and Payment



Show & Tell Quilts

Up Coming Programs:

- Nov 17 Barb Wilhelm “Batiks in the Making”

- Jan 19 Allison Fox from Stitch: Mini Demo

- Mar 16 Sharon Nareska “Judging Quilts”

- May 18 Pat Essex & Gretchen Schultz “Feed Sacks”

Be Aware of Road Construction!!!

Possible detour on McCord Road

There is a new detour heading north on McCord Road at Airport Hwy. The previous detour is being re-routed. Instead of traveling north on McCord Rd to reach the Holland First Methodist Church, the detour takes you north on Holland Sylvania. Then turn left onto Angola and proceed to the church.

*We're on the
web!
[www.gatheringof
quilters.org](http://www.gatheringofquilters.org)*

Treasurer's Report

Gathering of Quilters Guild

Treasurer's Report

As of September 1, 2016

Income

Actual

Beginning Balance

\$
7,148.26

Income

300.00

Total Income

\$
7,448.26

Expenses:

\$
228.54

Balance

\$
7,219.72

Gathering of Quilters Proposed Budget**5 meetings**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>Actual2015/2016</u>
Membership	2040.00	\$ 1,575.00
Guests	30.00	10.00
50/50 Raffle	200.00	170.50
Fat Quarter Raffle	70.00	66.00
Newsletter Ads	50.00	-
Petty Cash	80.00	70.00
Retreat	5160.00	5,095.00
Retreat Raffle	230.00	225.00
One Day Retreat	3500.00	3,030.00
Misc. Income		195.00
Class	0.00	464.00
<u>Total income</u>	\$ 11,360.00	\$ 10,900.50

Expenses

Membership	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Program books	300.00	273.10
Program Speaker fees/travel	2000.00	1,190.56
Publicity	200.00	31.50
Newsletter	100.00	-
Challenge	150.00	150.00
Retreat	5500.00	5,425.13
Retreat Raffle	150.00	150.00
One Day Retreat	1900.00	1,855.12
Office Supplies (incl P.O. Box & stamps)	150.00	149.91
President	50.00	-
Miscellaneous	55.00	14.84
Class	0.00	670.00
50/50 Raffle	10.00	-
Hall & table rental	375.00	750.00
Insurance - General Liability policy	210.00	205.00
Gifts	50.00	-
Website hosting - 6 months 52.38	110.00	108.78
<u>Total Expenses including encumbered</u>	\$ 11,360.00	\$ 10,973.94

Encumbered Expenses

Hall rental	375.00
Retreat	5066.00
Website hosting	105.00
Speakers - 2016 - 2017	2000.00
<u>Subtotal</u>	\$ 7,546.00

Gathering of Quilters Guild Challenge for 2016 – 2017

Sunshine Home Charity Quilt Challenge

Theme: "You Are My Sunshine"

Purpose: The quilts will be donated to the Sunshine Organization for teenage and young adult residents moving into "new family living style" quarters. Many of these residents haven't lived in a home setting for many years. Our goal is to provide one lap-sized quilt for each resident moving into the new home(s).

Guidelines / Rules

- Members may make as many quilts as they desire for the guild charity, but only one quilt per member entered in the guild charity challenge is eligible for a prize.
- The quilt entered in the challenge for a prize must be made entirely by a guild member.
- The quilt should reflect the theme, "You Are My Sunshine". It may be:
 - Any color(s) or design
 - Be of a cheerful, happy appearance
- Each quilt must consist of three layers – quilt top, batting, backing – and have a binding. There may be **no attached embellishments**.
- The quilt must be quilted versus tied, and, must be entirely machine washable and dryable.
- The quilt size should be between 40" to 50" wide and between 50" to 60" long.
- Quilts are to be brought to the May 2017 meeting to be considered for voting. Members of the guild will vote for the quilts which best reflect the theme and quality workmanship. Winners will receive:
 - 1st Place - \$75 Gift Certificate
 - 2nd Place - \$50 Gift Certificate
 - 3rd Place - \$25 Gift Certificate
- Quilts following the guild challenge rules can be accepted from other guilds or individuals, but they may not be considered for a prize.

Sunshine New Home Project

The State of Ohio has taken a strategic approach to encouraging state providers, including Sunshine Communities, to downsize large facilities and replace them with community residences. Providers across the state have agreed to reduce census in large facilities by 600 beds before 2018.

For 65 years, Sunshine has delivered on the promise of its mission to create community among persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), their families, friends, and staff. Helping individuals with IDD live in homes in the community is not new to Sunshine. Our first community home opened in 1978, and we now serve well over 150 individuals in community settings.

Our current project is a continuation of these efforts, focusing now on offering opportunities for individuals with more complex physical and behavioral needs to live in the community. Sunshine plans to help 32 individuals move from our large segregated facility to homes in the community.

Our plan is to construct fully accessible homes. The intent is to select locations that will allow residents to engage as fully as possible into the surrounding neighborhoods. Sunshine is raising the bar for those with significant physical, mental and behavioral conditions. Sunshine promotes a sense of inclusion and these homes will offer a place of pride for individuals.

For this reason we have begun planning for the construction of accessible homes in community neighborhoods with the intent of helping 32 individuals move from our facility to a neighborhood home.

Building the homes is only the beginning of the transformation process. Individual lives are enriched when the person has a large circle of family and friends who remain steady in their lives. For that reason we at Sunshine are challenged to include helping individuals connect with their neighbors in a way that opens opportunities to make lasting friends. We believe that everyone deserves these opportunities created through having a home to call our own.

Sunshine provides critical services in four areas:

Residential support serves more than 400 individuals each year through our campus-based setting and 15 group homes located in neighborhoods throughout Lucas and Fulton counties. 24 hour nursing is available for individuals who need this level of care. In addition, Sunshine offers support for individuals living in their own homes.

Vocational services support 290 individuals annually through competitive employment, supported employment settings, and enrichment activities.

Recreation and respite allows parents with children living at home to get away for a few hours, days, or weeks knowing their child is safe and enjoying time with friends. 105 individual guests participate annually in respite care.

Clinical services support the individuals in Sunshine's residential program who require physical, occupational, and/or speech therapy.

Editor's Note to Readers:

This newsletter may feel like it's late in arriving to you. From my perspective, this newsletter took "forever" to complete and struggled through many obstacles to finally make it to print. Hopefully, you enjoy this newsletter and look forward to future ones.

I'm sure future issues of our newsletter will be coming to you a little sooner than this first one. Take care. Keep calm and keep quilting.

Irene Rose



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May 19, 2016 Meeting of the Gathering of Quilters.....Holland Free United Methodist Church

Ronald McDonald Quilts: we had a very good response to this challenge.

• Twenty-two quilts were entered for Peoples' Choice Awards. 1st place [\$ 75] awarded to Debbie Linenkugel; 2nd place [\$50] awarded to Hattie Kate Howell; 3rd place [\$ 25] awarded to Judy Reiss.

• **Promise Quilters [16+ QUILTS]:** Marge Katers, Kathy Horvath, Marlene Hittler, Sheila Painter, Mary Greeno, Joan Reber, Eileen Gantz, Jane Burns, and Mary Clark.

• **Gathering Members [38 QUILTS]:** Hattie Kate Howell, Mary Ann Kalaz, Patty Miller, Irene Rose, Diana Trost, Jill Holt, Kathy Kanitz, and Heather Legros.

Election of 2016-2017 Officer / Committee Chairs: Motion to approve made by Hattie Kate Howell, seconded by Deb Linenkugel; motion carried:

- **Colleen Florkowski- President**
- **Tom Sharkey / Linda Ball- Co-Vice Presidents**
- **Irene Rose – Newsletter & PR Bookmark**
- **Hattie Kate Howell- Recording Secretary**
- **Treasurer: this will be tabled until September ******
- **Publicity: this will be tabled until September ******
- **Beth Rohrbacher – Membership & Webpage**
- **Jill Holt, Gretchen Schultz, Marjory Wilkin: 2016-'17 Program Co-Chairs**
- **Diana Jacob- Program Booklet**
- **Wanda Dyer- 50/50 Raffle**
- **Jill Holt- Fat Quarters/ Pop Tabs**
- **Diana Trost/ Irene Rose- Challenge**
- **Vicki Jones- Historian/ Facebook Page**
- **Candy Colleen White – Annual Retreat**
- **Linda Ball – Day Retreats**
- **Sheila Painter – Door Prizes**
- **Tom Sharkey/ Linda Ball – Audit of Treasurer's book**

Approval of March 2016 meeting minutes: motion was made by Dale Burnett, seconded by Linda Ball; motion carried. **Approval of current treasurer's report as printed in the Newsletter:** motion made by Irene Rose, seconded by Billie Szymanski; motion carried.

Committee Reports/ Announcements:

- Member renewals can be made on last year's forms....just correct date
- All Day Retreat for May- there are additional spots available. \$ 35 all day- lunch/dinner provided.
- Holland Free UMC has approved our group meeting here for the next year!
- 50/50 Winner: Billie Szymanski- \$ 32; Fat Quarters: Jill Holt; Door prize: Elaine Weyandt.
- Dog Bed Kits are available to pick up and fill! Marjory Wilkin will deliver....
- Black Swamp Benefit Auction will be held June 17-18, 2016 @ Fulton CO. Fairgrounds.

- Elaine Weyandt is organizing a trip to Missouri Star Quilt Shop in Hamilton Missouri: 10/4-8/16 \$498.00
- Sewing Uniforms for TPS Workshop will be held May 26-27: 9am- 1pm. Contact Hattie Kate Howell.
- Board meeting will be Thursday, June 16. Officer/ Committee Books turned over to new Chairs.
- **Respectfully submitted:** Londa Burkett, Recording Secretary.



Name_____

Gathering of Quilters Survey

Would you be in favor of having 8 meetings a year instead of 5?
Sept, **Oct**, Nov, Jan, **Feb**, Mar, **April**, May (Bold months are the additions)

YES NO

Please list any Pros or Cons you can think of for adding additional meetings.

Pros	Cons

Are there any questions you may have about adding additional meetings?

What suggestions do you have for what we could do with the 3 additional meetings?

What special talent or help can you provide for our meetings?_____

A Weekend of Quilts

at Toledo Mennonite Church

5501 Nebraska Avenue

October 7, 2016, Friday Evening – 6:30 – 8 pm

featuring

Kerry Patrick Clark

Presenting..... Folk Music

www.kerrypatrickclark.com

At a homemade Meal, including dessert

Public is welcome - Admission by Donation

RSVP at 419-536-1251 & leave message

Fund Raiser Benefitting the **After School Program** at Toledo Mennonite Church,
Serving 1st – 3rd grade Students from McTigue Elementary School

12th Annual QUILT SHOW

Admission by Donation

Friday, October 7, 2016: Quilt Show Hours 10 am – 8 pm

Saturday, October 8, 2016: Quilt Show Hours 10 am – 5 pm

- Crafts, Fabrics Handmade Woven Rag Rugs, & Books for Sale
- Lunch and light Refreshments available

Quilt Raffle – Winner to be drawn at 5:00 pm closing time

- Need not be present to win
- Questions: Please call Toledo Mennonite Church office: 419-536-1251
or Karen Rupp, Chairperson: 419-382-6144

If you have any quilts you would like to display in the show,

