

# Pieceful Times

NEWSLETTER OF THE GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD

MAY, 2014

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hats off to all of you!

Welcome to Spring, fellow GOQG members! This is Beth and Irene's last message to you as Co-Presidents. We have had a lot of fun these past two years as guild co-presidents. We hope you've had fun, too. We also want to thank everyone who has helped support the guild during our tenure, whether it was serving as an officer, greeting guests, participating in the challenges, or buying raffle tickets. The strength of our guild is truly in its membership!

We have great news from Holland Free Methodist Church! The church has agreed to let us continue meeting at the church for our 2014 – 2015 guild meetings. Hooray! We think everyone has enjoyed meeting at the church this past year. It is a great location and accommodating building for our group.

It has been a busy time since our last newsletter! Irene has been traveling to Wichita, KS and Manchester, NH for two national longarm quilt shows (MQS and MQX) and the AQS Quilt Show in Paducah, KY, as well as to Carroll, IA for a longarm machine maintenance course. Irene added over 6,000 miles to her vehicle from all the travelling. With all the running around, she didn't get much sewing or quilting done. But, Irene plans to make up for "lost time" this summer. Beth has been busy coordinating guild activities during Irene's travels, and has done a little traveling of her own to visit her outstandingly cute grandson. Beth has also participated in a couple quilt retreats lately, will be taking two workshops at the Sauder Quilt Show, and has started working on Thursdays at the Quilt Foundry. Feel free to stop by and say Hi!

## MAY 15, 2014 MEETING

SPEAKER: **Diana Trost**  
Trunk show and lecture  
"How It Starts"

Business meeting  
Fat Quarter Raffle Basket Drawing  
Show and Tell  
Voting on Challenge Quilts

## LOCATION:

**HOLLAND FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
6605 ANGOLA RD  
HOLLAND, OHIO 43528  
(419) 865-4640**

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM  
(PLEASE, NO EARLY ENTRY)  
Meeting starts at 7:00pm

**\*Entrance at south end of building\***

**Reminder to bring these items:  
Fat Quarters for Raffle Basket - Batiks  
Pop Tabs  
Address Labels to use for Raffle  
Show and Tell Quilts**

We want to say congratulations to Debbie Linenkugel for organizing a very successful and outstanding, fun guild retreat! Debbie has done a fantastic job organizing our guild retreats over the past few years. Yea Debbie! Thank you for your very committed and successful efforts.

By the way, don't forget to bring your bed or table runner for the Guild Challenge to the May meeting! If you haven't finished your project, you still have time. Check our website for the rules. We're counting on you to make it a fun and exciting event! Ellie and Chris can't wait to give away the prizes for the winning runners!

And, our guild elections for several positions will occur at the May meeting. It's time to elect a new president or co-president, secretary, and a special election to finish out the vice president position. We wish Carmen El Amin, our current VP, the best as she moves East to be closer to her children and family.

Diana Trost is our guest speaker at our May guild meeting, May 15, 2014. This should be a fascinating meeting. Diana is bringing many of her beautiful quilts – including new quilts – for us to see. Her presentation should be very interesting!

There have been multiple guild members who have lost significant members of their family this past year. We want to acknowledge your huge personal loss. Our hearts go out to you in this time of sadness. There are other members who have family members with increased health issues. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. And, we hope we can be supportive to you, please let us know how we can help. We are a guild of friends and quilters.

As our co-presidency comes to a close, we wish the best to the guild and its members. We encourage each member to think of the guild as friends and family, and to reach out and get involved in the guild. You'll have more fun than you expect, and it'll add a twinkle in your eye, and a smile in your heart. We wish the best to each of you!

Beth and Irene

## March Speaker

Diana Trost,

### 'HOW IT STARTS''

Diana has been a quilter for many years and has won numerous awards for her machine quilting, machine embroidery, and machine appliqué. She is a multitalented piecer, quilter, and appliquer.

## 2014 GUILD RETREAT

A good time was had by all at our 2014 retreat.

Everyone got lots of projects done! A thank you to Donne Medos won the raffle for the quilt retreat (\$150). She gave it to a woman who is fighting cancer—quilters are so giving!! Margie Stone helped me with room set up, she will be taking over the retreat for next year. We filled up fast this year so get your registrations in early next year!! Also thanks to Diana Trost for a demo on making thorns and stems, and Debbie Brakke for the handouts and demo on facing a quilt. A thank you to Lisa Spaulding for 32 patterns. Linda Witkos won 1<sup>st</sup> in our book mark challenge!

## 2015 GUILD RETREAT

The Michindoh 2014 retreat was great—many, many thanks to Debbie Linenkugel for organizing and making everyone feel welcome and to Diana Jacobs for all her hard work behind the scenes. The 2015 retreat has been confirmed for April 10-12 next year. The cost for this fun filled weekend will remain the same at \$150.

Registration forms will be at the May meeting for. Gathering members. The retreat will be open to non-members at the close of the September 2014 meeting. Margie Stone will chair the retreat and Diana has agreed to assist with the administrative duties. Do not delay and sign up early. Questions, please call Margie 734-854-2381

## **Funny Quilt Story**

By Colleen Florkowski

I am a long time member of the Gathering of Quilters and also a Family and Consumer Science (Home Economics) teacher at a local high school. We fortunately still teach cooking, sewing and basic life skills. In foods class we were talking about cookie sheets and mentioned that sometimes a smaller cookie sheet is called a jelly roll pan. Most of the students had no idea what a jelly roll was so I googled jelly rolls using google images where you see pictures and guess what popped up first? Loads of pictures of jelly roll quilts! I laughed out loud and said quilting is taking over the world, which the kids did not get and then I had to refine my search for jelly roll cakes to show them an old fashioned jelly roll you can eat!!

**Kathy Miller, the singing quilter, will be appearing at Faith United Methodist Church, on Starr Ave, at 6:30 pm on May 6, 2014, She is very entertaining and has been reviewed enthusiastically by guild members. Check it out!!**

## **REMINDER FROM CARMEN EL-AMIN**

Members--- we would appreciate help cleaning up after a meeting and help setting up before. Also, if you have an announcement, please find Carmen at the meeting and get a memo sheet to fill out so it can be read during announcements

## **DON'T FORGET!!**

**The Sauder Village Quilt Show is going on now until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Hours are from 10-5 Tuesday through Saturday and 11 to 4 on Sunday May 4.**

**The address is 22611 State Route 2, Archbold, Ohio 43502.**

**INFO@SAUDERVILLAGE.ORG**

# I N T E R N A T I O N A L Q U I L T F E S T I V A L

**Friday, June 20 - Saturday, June 21, 2014**

Join **Gretchen Schultz** for her 11th annual trip to the **International Quilt Festival** this year in Chicago, Illinois at the **Donald E. Stephens Convention Center**.

Motorcoach departs from St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee, Ohio on Friday, June 20th at 7:00 AM and returns on Saturday, June 21st around 10:00 PM.

Package includes round trip motorcoach transportation, 1-night hotel accommodations at the **DoubleTree Rosemont** across from the Convention Center, baggage handling, full buffet breakfast Saturday morning, 2 days admission to the Quilt Show, onboard refreshments, driver gratuity, taxes and gratuities on inclusions.

Price for Single = **\$304.00 Per Person**

Price for Twin = 2 Per Room = **\$224.00 Per Person**

Price for Triple = 3 Per Room = **\$197.00 Per Person**

Price for Quad = 4 Per Room = **\$187.00 Per person**

The Quilt Festival features superb quilt exhibits, world-class shopping opportunities, a great mix of classes, and special events. The Festival is full of all-around fun!

Make plans now to join us in Chicago! Sign up today as deadline is May 23, 2014. Please complete Reservation Form below and mail it with your deposit (\$50.00) or full payment, made payable to: Gretchen Schultz, 1268 Cass Rd., Maumee, Ohio 43537.

If you have questions, please contact Gretchen at home: 419-893-1097,  
Gretchen's Cell: 419-340-1746 OR email Gretchen at [Schultzt6@aol.com](mailto:Schultzt6@aol.com)

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Deposit Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or Full Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Gathering of Quilters General Meeting, March 20, 2014

1. Beth Rohrbacher called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. Beth invited members to give their quilting resolutions for 2014-15 to her as there will be a reward for each resolution completed.
2. Kathy Deanda introduced our speaker Kathy Schmidt. Her program "From Tradition to Rule Breaking" was very interesting. She brought many wonderful quilts to show us.
3. Diana Trost read the minutes of the January, 2014 meeting (written by Hattie Kate Howell). Diana Lindhorst moved to approve the minutes, Kathy Kanitz seconded the motion and all approved.
4. Diana Lindhorst presented her Treasurer's report. Hattie Kate Howell moved to accept the report, Dale Burnett seconded the motion and all approved.
5. Susan Smith promoted filling dog beds with sewing scraps (anything that can be washed). She will be in her car before the May meeting to accept filled dog and kitty bags.
6. Retreat, April 11-13. Donna Meadows won the drawing for the free retreat.
7. Hattie Kate Howell presented a report on membership (86 total, 56 present, 5 new members). Door prizes by Kathy Kanitz: Barbara Kenney, Marty Berry, Kathy Pertcheck, Susan Holliday.
8. Announcements:
  - a. Sale at home of Mary Clark, 7435 Country Meadows Ct., Sylvania, OH, of fabrics, etc. Hattie Kate will send all an E-mail.
  - b. Newsletter: most members are getting. Please remit news to Lynette Brown.
  - c. Londa Burkett announced a quilt show Tuesday, May 6 (\$10) at 6:30 P.M. at Faith United Methodist Church at Starr Avenue and Coy Street in Oregon. Kathy Miller, the singing quilter, will be featured.
  - d. We have a nomination committee: Kathy Deanda, Colleen Florkowski, Hattie Kate Howell, and Carmen El-Amin. Beth Rohrbacher volunteered to fill the position (for 1 year) of vice-president. We need a president or co-presidents and a secretary. Billie Szymanski and Debbie Linenkugel will fill the program understudy position.
  - e. The General Henry Dearborn Quilting Society is presenting "Piece by Piece" Quilt Show and Raffle April 25 (10-5 P.M.) and 26 (10-4 P.M.), admission \$5 at the Dearborn Historical Museum, 915 Brady, Dearborn, MI.
  - f. Billie Szymanski reminded quilters of the working time for Linus (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. of each month from 10-2 P.M. at Living Faith Church in Holland, OH. There is always a potluck lunch.
9. Prizes:
  - a. 50/50, \$49.50 to Beth Rohrbacher
  - b. Fat quarters (12 in each) to Glenda Kelly and Mary Ann Kolaz
  - c. DVD to Patty Miller
10. Reminder to bring your Challenge Zebra on the Run entry to May meeting.
11. Show and Tell : WOW again.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Trost, Secretary

## **2013-2014 FAT QUARTERS THEMES**

May – Batiks

Because the price of fabric has increased, we feel it is only fair the number of tickets should also increase. Therefore, for every fat quarter you bring in, you will now receive 6 tickets instead of 2. If you are wearing a name tag and pay \$1.00 you will receive 2 tickets. If you bring in a guest you will receive 1 ticket. Tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Please bring only the **highest quality fat quarters** found at our local quilt shops. Bring the quality of fabric you would like to win, because, after all, you may just win it. There are winners at every meeting and one of them could be you. We would like to thank all of you who participated in the fat quarter raffle and the fat quarter challenge last year. The fat quarter raffle is only one of the ways we use to raise funds for our guild, to help pay for our expenses and our speakers.

Also thanks to those of you who brought in pop tabs. Ronald Mc Donald House was very grateful for our donation of pop tabs, so, we will continue to collect them this year. Each year nearly 500 families of sick children stay at the Ronald McDonald house. Our pop tabs help by providing food and a temporary, home-away-from-home for these families. Please bring pull tabs from: (pop, beer, pet food, fruit & vegetable and soup cans) to our meetings. If you don't have them, maybe you could ask family, friends and neighbors to save them for you. More tabs for Ronald and less in the landfill is a very good thing. It is only because of you, and your generosity, and the support of all of our members that our guild will continue to be the great guild that it is. After all, a club is only as good, as its members. Thank God the Gathering has great members.

### **GATHERING OF QUILTERS 2013-2014 CHALLENGE**

#### **THERE'S A ZEBRA ON THE RUN**

This year, your challenge is to make a black and white table runner or a bed runner. Hence the name: There's a zebra's on the run.

You must use black and white fabrics along with the focal fabric in the color, of the color paint chip that you will choose. You may add other colors as well, but the focal fabric color must be prominent on the top of the runner.

Runner sizes are usually 24 inches, or less wide, by whatever length is needed to go across your table or bed plus some overhang. However you are NOT limited by size.

Any technique is permissible- pieced, appliqué, fused, thread painting etc. Mixed media is welcome, but not required. You may embellish.

Runners must have three layers (top, batting, and backing) and be hand or machine quilted. Not tied. Voting, by the membership, will take place at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The winners will receive the following:

- >1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$75 gift certificate for a local quilt shop
- >2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50 gift certificate for a local quilt shop
- >3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$25 gift certificate for a local quilt shop

Please respect the spirit of the challenge and only enter a project that was made by you for this challenge.

**Use your imagination. Let's have some fun and get those zebras on the run.**

# January & March Chart Questions

Question #1a Did you get any quilting goodies for Christmas? Yes ☺ - 9 No ☹ - 25

Question #1b If yes, what did you receive?

Iron, a Kindle, ceiling lights for my studio, gift card, cutting mats, Steady Betty, light, blade sharpener, and a thread storage cabinet.

Question #2 What will you do to support *The Gathering of Quilters* in 2014?

Regularly attend meetings – 26

Help with set-up – 15

Help with clean-up – 14

Write an article for the newsletter – 5

Sign up for a committee – 2

Help with the audit – 0 ☹

Be on the nomination committee – 1

Run for an office – 2

Buy raffle tickets – 29

Other – be a greeter, provide door prizes, pray for the guild

Question #3a Should we offer a workshop next year? Yes – 24 No – 5

Question #3b What topics interest you?

Scraps – 13, Pictorial quilts – 4, Dimensional – 3, Landscape – 4, Beading & fiber – 3

Question #4 Have you started your *Zebra on the Run* Challenge project? Yes – 5 No – 13

Question #5 Do you own a serger? Yes – 10 No – 10

Question #6 Did you make a label for your last quilt? Yes – 13 No – 8

Question #7 Think about your oldest UFO (unfinished object), did you start it...

1 year ago – 0

2 years ago – 1

3 years ago – 1

4 years ago – 0

5 to 7 years ago – 6

8 to 10 years ago – 6

I have children or grandchildren older than this project! – 6

☺ Someone admitted that they had a UFO that was 60 years old! There's hope for the rest of us! ☺



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## Treasurer's Report

As of April 24,  
2014

### REVISED

#### Beginning Balance

\$ 2,465.82

#### Income

Membership	2,025.00
Guests	60.00
50/50 Raffle	129.50
Fat Quarter Raffle	112.00
Ad's	40.00
Retreat	4,920.00
Retreat raffle	185.00
Snowman Raffle	25.00
Patsy Thompson DVD Raffle	15.00

#### Total Income

\$ 7,511.50

#### Expenses

Hall Rental	\$ 375.00
Membership	82.80
Program Books	192.33
Speaker	1,191.73
Publicity	97.18
Newsletter copies	33.50
Refreshments	12.52
Retreat	4,899.48
Challenge	150.00
Office (new cks, postage, petty cash)	193.05
Website	94.32
Insurance	210.00

#### Total Current Expenses

\$ 7,531.91



<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$	7,706.91
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<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$	2,270.41
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