

# Pieceful Times

NEWSLETTER OF THE GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD

MARCH , 2014

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## MARCH 20, 2014 MEETING

SPEAKER: **Kathy Schmidt**

Trunk show and lecture

"Telling the Story with Fabric and Thread"

Business meeting

Fat Quarter Raffle Basket Drawing

Theme: Stripes or Polka Dots

Show and Tell

## NEW 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**

**Pop Tabs**

**Address Labels to use for Raffle**

**Show and Tell Quilts**

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Welcome Spring and Quilters!

As we wind down our co-presidency, we want to thank everyone for their help and support. We've had a very enjoyable, interesting, and fun filled term as co-presidents these last two years. It will soon be time to pass the torch to a new president or co-presidents of our guild. If you or someone you know would like to run for an office, please contact a member of the nominating committee which includes: Hattie Kate Howell, Kathy Deanda, and Colleen Florkowski. This is a terrific way to get more involved and to get to know other guild members.

Did you make any new year's resolutions related to quilting or your projects? How are you doing related to your quilting / sewing resolutions? Irene is working away on her list of 50+ projects and has finished at least 10 quilts on the list, but there are always a few new projects to add to the list. Irene works on one project at a time, and then moves on to the next one. Beth finished her first "Block of the Month" quilt in January and should finish a king-sized in the next week. The latter will be entered in the Sauder Quilt Show. If you've never entered a quilt show, this is a great one to begin with; there is no cost AND you receive two free tickets to the show.

In the meantime, we hope everyone is looking forward to spring, warmer temperatures, working in one's garden, joining shop hops & looking at all the

new, beautiful fabrics that are at the local quilt shops! Irene has visited several local quilt shops in the last couple weeks, while Beth has been perusing various catalogues. The new fabrics coming on the scene are so beautiful! Great eye candy!! Some of those fabrics are so hard to resist!!! But, both Beth and Irene made resolutions to use up their stash before / while maybe obtaining just a few new fabrics .....??? Oh my!! This is a hard resolution to keep!

By the way, why not invite a friend to the March 20, 2014 GOQG meeting and make a night of it?! According to the Farmer's Almanac, March will still be chilly but at least there aren't any huge snow predictions. Kathy Schmidt is our guest speaker for our March meeting. *Quirks Ltd. (Kathy's website) is a forward thinking artistic endeavor, led by Kathryn Schmidt, author of Rule Breaking Quilts. Quilting is the focus, but all forms of art are deeply appreciated and experiments are the norm. It's going to be a fun meeting.* Plan to join your friends and fellow quilters at the meeting. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Your Crazy Quilting Co-presidents,

Irene & Beth

P.S. Have you started your bed or table runner yet for the challenge, "There's a Zebra on the Run"? Wouldn't it be terrific if we had the majority of the guild submit an entry? ☺ Check our website if you need a refresher of the rules.

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Don't forget the Sauder Village Quilt Show – April 29 to May 4

Quilt show and demonstrations  
Shopping- Threads of Tradition Shop  
Guest Artist – Gayleen Fitzgerald  
Workshops and Lectures  
[www. Saudervillage.org/creativity/quilt\\_show.asp](http://www.Saudervillage.org/creativity/quilt_show.asp)

## March Speaker

Kathy Schmidt,  
author, "Rule Breaking Quilts"

Kathy has been a quilter for 35 years and is still excited by the possibilities in her work. She delights in sharing her love of non-traditional quilting through her teaching. Kathy recently retired from her job-that-pays-the-bills and is looking forward to having more time to teach her approach. Kathy lives in Michigan with her husband, Keith.

### TRUNK SHOW

This is a visual show of Kathy's journey from a traditional quilter to the way her work is currently done. The steps along the way are available to any quilter and she will show you the way. How to begin breaking the rules, why you might want to, and what you should expect when you get there—even what doesn't work—will be covered in this lecture.



Disorderly Conduct  
one of the quilts from Kathy's book,  
Ground Breaking Quilts

## REMAINING PROGRAMS FOR 2014

May 15 - Diana Trost - Trunk show and lecture:  
"How Does It Start?"

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Did you know there is another Gathering of  
Quilters in Fort Wayne, Indiana?

Quilt Show  
Saturday, March 15, 2014  
8am to 4pm  
Wayne High School  
9100 Winchester Rd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46819

Presenter:  
Beth Ferrier of Applewood Farm Quilts  
Trunk Show and Talk  
"Will You Make Me a Quilt?"

Preregistration: \$20.00: lunch, goodie bag,  
and pin

Vendors  
Display of Quilts  
Appraisals  
Show and Tell  
Door Prizes

Search Gathering of Quilters 2014 for details

## 2014 GUILD RETREAT

Our retreat this year is April 11 -13, 2014, at Camp Michindoh in Hillsdale, Michigan. We have a lot of fun, working on our own projects and eating lots of great food. We have a challenge and gifts. Michindoh has a great space for us, with 6 ft. table for each person and windows overlooking the lake! Win a free retreat by purchasing a raffle ticket. If you win you will be reimbursed the cost of the retreat!

**UPDATE ON RETREAT I have GOOD NEWS for the retreat, we have filled the retreat!! We will still be selling raffle tickets to win the retreat Free! I am holding that spot for the winner, also I am taking names for a waiting list if anyone is still interested. Things happen last minute and it would be nice to have a list to call for fill in!**

Come join the fun! Registration forms will be at our Nov. meeting. You can call Debbie Linenkugel for information:  
419-260-6364

## 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!

## Minutes of January 16, 2014 meeting

of The Gathering of Quilters' Guild

With twenty-six present, at 7:00 p.m., Colleen Florkowski introduced the speaker, Judy Paschalis. Judy gave a trunk show and illustrations from a Powerpoint presentation. Because the group was small, and there was no projector or computer, we all saw and heard her stories of her "quilttooning" career with ease and pleasure. With a degree in communications, and not art or fabrics, she considers her Quilttoons folk art which she shares with the public through her blog. With humor and adaptations of photographs, she creates wall hangings that tell a story or present her views. She uses photos for inspiration, and prints them on paper or fabric to simplify and create applique's. She builds a background and then applies images and text with embroidery and needle-turn technique. See: [www.quilttoonist.wordpress.com](http://www.quilttoonist.wordpress.com)

### **Business meeting:**

A nominating committee is needed to nominate a President of Co-Presidents and Secretary.

Raffles: **Wall hanging**: won by Irene Rose.

**50/50**: Kathy Stein.

**Fat-quarters**: Dale Burnett

**Door prizes**: Irene Rose, Joyce Scanes, Diana Lindhorst, Kathy Deanda, and Rhonda Kistner.

### **Announcements:**

**March meeting**: Kathy Schmidt

**Retreat** is full, but the raffle for free registration fee goes on: \$5 a ticket.

**Sauder Show** registration has opened. See their website.

**Show and tell** was awesome as usual.

The meeting closed at 9:15 and after clean up, we were gone by 9:30.

Recorded by Hattie Kate Howell

## Nominating Committee

Carmen El-Amin, Kathy Deanda and Hattie Kate Howell were appointed nominating committee. We are looking for members who are interested in being

1. President for 2014-2016
2. VP for 2014-2015 (since Carmen is moving out of state by July.
3. Secretary for 2014-2016 Needs to be able to attend general and board meetings.
4. Program for understudy 2014-2015 and to be full program committee for 2015-2016

If you see other board positions that interest you, let us know.



## In Nature, Every Leaf is Magic

A Fiber Art Exhibit By  
Cynthia Trevino Bodene  
Now through March 14, 2014

Artist Reception  
Friday, February 21st 6 to 8 pm.  
at  
The City Gallery of Farmington Hills  
in the  
Costick Center  
28600 Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills Mi 48336

*"Take a little break from winter and just pretend..."*

*For more information call the Cultural Arts Division at 248-473-1856*

## QUILTING IN THE NEWS

Submitted by Sheila Painter

Moda fabrics and Fat Quarter Shop have partnered for a unique charitable project. An unusual Block of the Month, quilters purchase the quilt kit online, make blocks according to online monthly videos, and Moda will match the donations up to \$10,000 to Make-a-Wish Foundation.

35 women stitched 150 quilts over 3 months as part of an artwork display at the Mumbai airport. Titled "Wrapping the Runway", the display was sewn late at night or early morning, as these Indian women mostly work as domestic help by day.

## Membership

Membership at 83 is down this year, but as weather warms up, we expect to see more people. Programs have been great, and good ones are coming up. Dues, January-June is only \$10, same as visitor. Bring your friends.

Hattie Kate



## Open Positions – Individuals Needed – for Gathering of Quilters Guild

We currently have a few open positions within our guild for the May 2014 – May 2016 term. These roles are vitally important to our guild!!!

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends, have more fun, become an active participant of the guild, and help shape the future of our guild. You'll receive all this and more by donating your time to one of the following roles!!

WE NEED YOU AND YOUR PARTICIPATION in order to survive & prosper as a guild!

### President (or Co-Presidents)

- Provide direction and focus for the guild activities, and “run” the guild meetings
- Review / oversee guild fiscal activities to insure proper management of guild funds

### Vice President

- Performs duties of absent president
- Collects Announcement requests and submits them to the president
- Prepares guild meeting location for meeting

### Secretary

- Records and reports minutes of all guild and board meetings..
- Handles written correspondence for the guild

### Guild Historian

- Take photos at guild meetings and events (digital camera and supplies provided)
- Maintain photo albums

By assuming any of these roles you will automatically become part of the Governing Board. We meet every other month and we also have an opportunity to meet the speakers at dinner before the guild meetings.

And, you are not “in it alone”. If you need help or have questions, there are lots of senior members and board members to help you learn the role and help with specific tasks or questions. Please consider one of the following positions and become an active part of your guild.

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# Shop Hop



March 20 - 22

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 Quilt Foundry, 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

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

March – Stripes or Polka dots

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.**





## PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Blanket Work Day

Second Friday Each Month

Living Faith United Methodist Church

1240 Columbus

Holland, OH

10:00 – 2:00

[tolprojlinus@yahoo.com](mailto:tolprojlinus@yahoo.com)

419-866-1427

\*Blanket Work Day May 17<sup>th</sup>

\*Blanket Work Day September 20<sup>th</sup>

\* At Quilt Heaven

9030 Secor Rd Temperance, MI

10:00 – 2:00



## Quilt Foundry

Where friendships are forged  
through quilting

234 W. Wayne Street, Maumee, OH 43537

419-893-5703 [www.quiltfoundry.com](http://www.quiltfoundry.com)

HOURS: Monday-Thursday 10am - 6pm

Friday - Saturday 10 am - 4pm

Sunday noon - 4pm

Owners Lisa and Rich Spalding

**Everything you need to be a quilt maker!**

## Quilted Rose



*Irene Rose, 419-481-4366 in Sylvania, OH*

Life doesn't have to be perfect to be wonderful.

The same goes for quilts

*Check out her quilts and quilting at*

*Quilted Rose on FB*

email: [Quiltedrose@hotmail.com](mailto:Quiltedrose@hotmail.com)

Treasurer's Report as of 2/19/2014

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>	\$	2,465.82
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Membership		1,975.00
Guests		60.00
50/50 Raffle		80.00
Fat Quarter Raffle		85.00
Ad's		40.00
Retreat		4,610.00
Retreat raffle		135.00
Snowman Raffle		25.00
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	\$	7,010.00
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Program Books	\$	192.33
Speaker		995.40
Publicity		97.18
Retreat		760.81
Membership		82.80
Refreshments		12.52
Newsletter copies		33.50
Office (new cks, postage,petty cash)		193.05
Website		94.32
Insurance		0.00
<b><u>Total Current Expenses</u></b>	\$	2,461.91