

THE PIECEFUL TIMES

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

edited by Lynette Brown

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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

Jean Overmeyer

**“Exploration of art
quilt techniques”**

and

Trunk Show

President's Letter

Hello Fellow Quilters

Wow! Time sure passes quickly. It's hard to believe that two years have already gone by, and my term as guild president is almost done. This will be my last letter to the membership, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board and committee chair people who served with me. You all made me look good, because you all did your jobs so well, and I thank you for that. It has been a real pleasure to serve with you. To my fellow guild members, I'd like to thank you also, for your patience and encouraging words reassuring me that I could do this. You guys are the best. Thanks for helping me grow.

I'm looking forward to our May meeting with our speaker Jean Overmeyer. I hope you were able to see some of her quilts at Sauder's. Her "Hibiscus" quilt is beautiful. Congratulations to her and also to our guild members who won ribbons and honorable mention at this year's Sauder show.

Good Luck to everyone participating in this most giving challenge. As I said in my first newsletter, "Nothing speaks louder to your soul, than knowing that you had a hand in making someone else's life a little brighter." And knowing that, that someone is a sick child, makes the giving even more special. Chris and Wanda you hit it out of the park on this one. Thank You. Job well done.

Ellie

Jean Overmeyer,

speaker biography

Jean Overmeyer is our May speaker. Jean is married with a son. She is a research associate professor of biochemistry and cancer biology at the University of Toledo. Jean is also a member of the Glass City Quilt Commission.

Jean is an extremely talented quilter who started as a traditional quilter and has transitioned into a wonderful art quilter. You will see thread painting, hand-dyed fabric, and beadwork in her pieces.

Message from Chris and Wanda

Quilt Challenge

We love the fact that many of you have made multiple quilts to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. However, due to the enthusiastic response to this year's challenge and the limited space available to display the quilt entries for judging, we must ask that you enter only one quilt to the challenge. Please be mindful of the rules: no larger than 42" x 48", 3 layers made by one person with binding and quilted. No buttons, beads sequins, or anything that a child could detach and put in their mouth. Please bring your entry in a covered wrap or bag, give it to Chris or Wanda and we will take it from there. Membership will vote to determine the winners. Winners will receive: 1st place-\$75.00 gift certificate, 2nd place-\$50.00 gift certificate, 3rd place -\$25.00 gift certificate. We know that not everyone can win a gift certificate, but you all are winners in our book. The real winners are the children who will receive the love, and warmth and comfort from your quilt. GOOD LUCK TO ALL We are sorry to limit the number of entries, but we had no idea when we issued the challenge back in September, that we would have this overwhelming response. All quilts made for donation will be shown at the meeting.

Thank You to everyone who is participating.

Chris & Wanda

Speaker Information (continued from page 2)

Jean Overmeyer was raised in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania amidst an avid environment of sewing and craftsmanship. She learned to sew during 4 years in high school clothing classes. 10 years after high school, she was invited by friends to attend her first quilting class. and was immediately captivated by the art. Jean began making traditional quilts, which she pieced by machine and hand quilted. Slowly, she transitioned into free motion quilting, then into designing her own art quilts. Her work has been greatly influenced by her exposure to numerous other art quilters in classes, workshops and exhibits at local, as well as international quilt shows. Jean has enjoyed sharing her ideas and artwork in presentations and trunk shows at local quilt guilds as well as teaching art quilting classes. Her art quilts have won multiple awards at regional quilt shows in Ohio, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance : \$ 6,418.84

Income: \$10,755.50

Expenses: \$10,008.51

Ending Balance: \$ 7,165.53

ALL DAY RETREATS

We have some openings for our May 21st retreat. This is the last retreat scheduled. Linda Ball will be taking over the other retreats. She is looking into other locations for them, since Quilt Heaven will be closing the end of May.

We will keep you posted on future dates and locations.

Debbie Linenkugel

FAT QUARTER THEMES

May -geometric

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

March 18, 2016 Meeting of the Gathering of Quilters' Guild

...Holland United Methodist Church

Chair Ellie Grabarczyk called the meeting to order @ 7 pm and welcomed 2 visitors: Cheryl Hesselbart and our Program Speaker, Linda Thieboldt. The title of Linda's Trunk Show was "Confessions of a Scrappy Quilter". She is a 23 yr survivor of Ovarian Cancer, a quilter for more than 42 years and winner of more than 100 ribbons. She will be releasing her book: ***"On My Way to Baltimore"*** at Paducah, April 2016. She presented more than 30 quilts and talked about threads, batting/shrinkage, edge finishes, rulers, marking pens, stabilizers, and her "stash". All in all, a very informative and entertaining presentation enjoyed by all members.

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the Newsletter: Deb Linenkugel moved, Irene Rose seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Membership: 2 new members joined: Cheryl Hesslebart and Danielle Kistner: Welcome!
- Day Retreat: May 21 @ Quilt Heaven: 18 have signed up to date: \$35/day: lunch/dinner included. [Be sure to check with Deb Linenkugel/ Linda Ball @ April meeting for details].
- Chris Stoker reminded members of the Ronald McDonald baby quilt Challenge due at the May meeting: <42" x 48". Three prizes to be awarded: 1st: \$75, 2nd: \$50, and 3rd: \$25 gift certificates.
- Vicki Jones reminded the Guild to check out the Facebook page: new photos being added!

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gretchen Schultz/ Marjory Wilkins will be meeting at the Charlies Restaurant [McCord/Central] to plan for the 2016-'17 Guild year programs. Feel free to join them on April 7 @ 11 am .
- Gretchen has again graciously offered to take quilts to the Sauder Show for GOQ Members. Each quilt transport will be \$ 3 and need to be at her home by April 23. Sauder Show is 4/26-5/1, 2016.
- Officer nominations need to be finalized for election at the May meeting. Please consider volunteering so that our Guild can move forward. Call Ellie @ 419-866-6743 by April 20!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Holland Free United Methodist Board will be meeting April 26th to approve our meeting here for the next Guild year. If you have not already done so, please email all Charity Quilt/ Service hours to Margie Stone by the April 21 Board meeting so that Ellie can include these hours in our yearly report to the Church Board.
- Raffle Winners: Doorprize - Karen Rupp; 50/50 winner of \$40.50 was Patty Miller; 20 fat quarters won by Linda Ball; free registration for the 4/8-10/16 Michindoh Retreat was Linda Ball. Congratulations to all!
- Check your program booklet for all the Charity Quilt workshops happening each month.

SHOW AND TELL:

- Charity: HattieKate Howell/ Chris Stoker- 5 total!
- [23] Show and Tell: Diana Lindhorst, Irene Rose[6], Diana Trost, Karen Rupp [3], Sheila Painter [3], Beth Lenix, HattieKate Howell [3]; Wanda Dyer, Karen Asman [2], and Patty Miller [2].

The next Board meeting is April 21 @ Ellie G' home; the next general meeting is May 19, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Londa Burkett, Recording Secretary

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