

# Pieceful Times Newsletter



The Gathering of  
Quilters Guild

November 2016

## President's Message

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Hello, Everyone.

I hope you had a chance to visit some of the fall quilt shows in the area put on by our fellow members who also belong to other guilds. Such diverse and wonderfully talented quilters we have among us.

Our main topic of business at this month's meeting is to discuss and possibly make a final decision on adding 3 extra meetings per year. Of course this year we would only be adding 2 extra meetings if we come to a consensus.

We had only about half of our members fill out the survey regarding adding the extra meetings. With half the members responding it was an overwhelming "yes" to add the extra meetings and a lot of good questions and ideas of what to do at the meetings. However, as a board we felt we need to hear from all the members before a final vote is taken. So please give thoughtful consideration to the question at hand about adding three extra meetings to our schedule and be ready to voice your opinions and ideas so we can make a final decision.

See you soon.

Colleen

The Gathering of Quilters Guild Meetings are held at:

Holland Free Methodist Church

6605 Angola Rd. Holland, OH 43528

Doors Open at 6:30 pm      November 17, 2016

# Our November Speaker:

## Barb Wilhelm

### “Bali & the Batik Process”

Barb Wilhelm is our speaker at our November meeting. Barb will be providing a Power Point presentation on “Bali and the batik process”.

Barb Wilhelm grew up in rural Bowling Green, Ohio and was taught to sew by her mother on a treadle sewing machine. She was active in 4-H, sewing much of her own clothing. She made her first quilt for a doll's bed at age 10, but didn't sew another quilt for many years.

About 20 years ago, a friend reconnected Barb with quilting and she fell in love with the process. She has sewn many quilts since then both bed size and wall hangings. Most recently, Barb has become addicted to English Paper Piecing (EPP) and has hand sewn two “La Passacaglia” quilts, each with over 3000 pieces.

On a more personal note Barb has four children and seven grandchildren, with another due in April. She resides in Bowling Green and is retired from The Montessori School of Bowling Green where she worked for over twenty years in Administration.

The Quilt Foundry and the Sonflower Quilt shops  
will be vending at our Nov meeting.

They will be bringing batiks and some patterns ... perhaps  
you'll find inspiration for your challenge quilt this year!

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## REMEMBER TO BRING THESE ITEMS:

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Completed Membership form & dues



“Batiks” 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 Mareska “Judging Quilts”
  
- May 18      Pat Essex & Gretchen Schultz “Feed Sacks”

*We're on the web!*  
*www.gatheringof*  
*quilters.org*

**Project Linus Work Days  
for 2017**

**Meet on the 2nd Friday of each month:  
10 am—2 pm**

- Jan 13
- Feb 10
- Mar 10
- Apr 14
- May 12

**National Blanket Day is Saturday Feb 18th!**

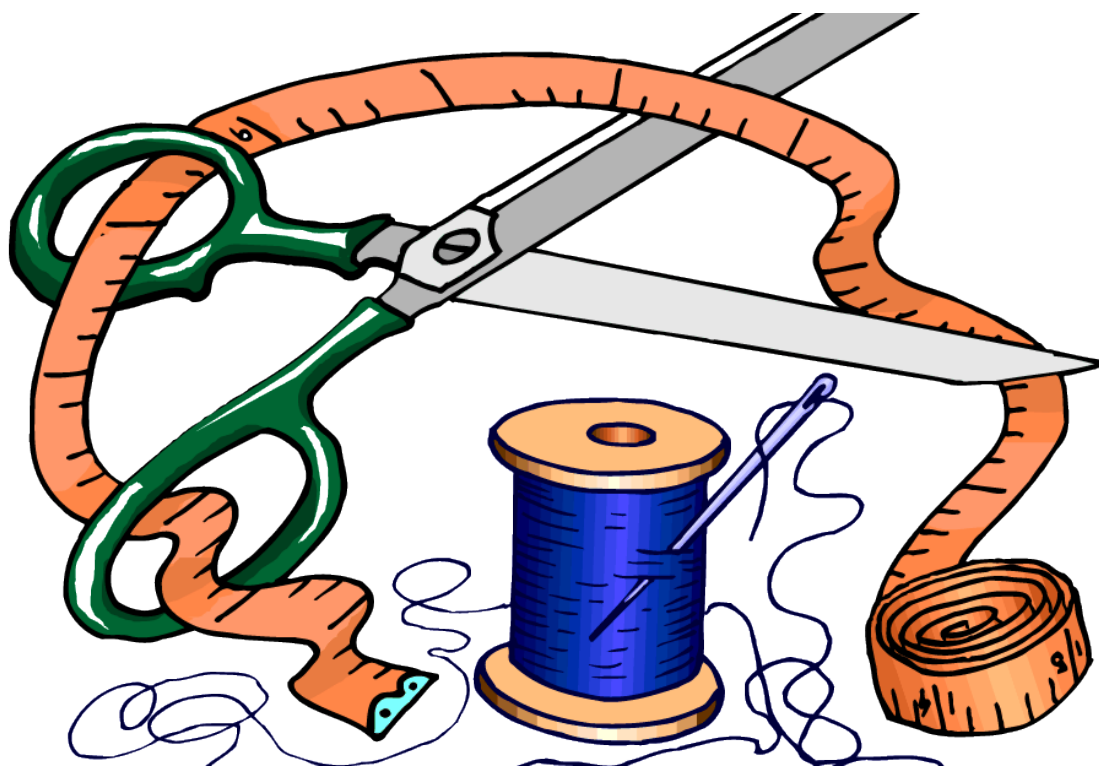
**Meet at: Living Faith United Methodist Church  
1240 Columbus  
Holland, OH**

**Open to all interested volunteers!**

Contact Billie Szymanski for more info.

## Here are your GOQG Board Members:

<b>President</b>	<b>Colleen Florkowski</b>
<b>Co-Vice Presidents</b>	<b>Tom Sharkey &amp; Linda Ball</b>
<b>Newsletter &amp; PR Bookmark</b>	<b>Irene Rose</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Hattie Kate Howell</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Diana Lindhorst</b>
<b>Publicity:</b>	<b>Ellie Grabarczyk</b>
<b>Membership &amp; Webpage</b>	<b>Beth Rohrbacher</b>
<b>2016-'17 Program Co-Chairs</b>	<b>Jill Holt, Gretchen Schultz, Marjory Wilkin:</b>
<b>Program Booklet</b>	<b>Diana Jacob</b>
<b>50/50 Raffle</b>	<b>Wanda Dyer</b>
<b>Fat Quarters/ Pop Tabs</b>	<b>Jill Holt</b>
<b>Challenge</b>	<b>Diana Trost &amp; Irene Rose</b>
<b>Historian/ Facebook Page</b>	<b>Vicki Jones</b>
<b>Annual Retreat</b>	<b>Candy Colleen White</b>
<b>Day Retreats</b>	<b>Linda Ball</b>
<b>Door Prizes</b>	<b>Sheila Painter</b>



Draft of Meeting Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the November GOQG Meeting. Please Review ...

## Minutes of Gathering of Quilters Guild September 15, 2016

The meeting began with a brief presentation by Doug Seibenahler about Sunshine homes. In 1950 Sunshine was started by Mennonite Mssrs. Naftsinger, Sauder and Snider to provide homey, safe, clean residence for handicapped people. "You are my Sunshine" was sung to all the resident kids. Now, fifteen family care/community homes provide supported living, respite to give families a break, art studios used by 19 adults and therapy. Georgette's and gardening provide work and occupation. Transportation is provided for 100-130 people weekly. Currently Sunshine is building a new community home near Little Flower Church, which will house 32 residents. Each will get a new lap quilt made by our guild with our guild challenge.

With about 47 present, Marjory Wilkin introduced our speaker, Debbie Grifka from Ann Arbor, MI who spoke about her growth as a modern quilter with a trunk show.

In the business meeting, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Budget was approved.

Announcements included the the guild challenge and upcoming Mennonite and Monroe quilt shows.

The weekend retreat will be April 8-10, 2016. There will be a raffle for free registration.

The one day retreat will be held at Stitch on Holland Sylvania the 3rd Saturday of October and November. Cost \$35 including food. Bring your own projects.

50/50 raffle, was won by Colleen Florkowski.

Fat quarter raffle and Door prize were awarded.

Questionnaires were distributed about pros, con, and comments about increasing the # of meetings of our guild each year by adding Feb. and April. If all goes well, then also October next year. Vote was tabled until next meeting.

Submitted by  
Hattie Kate Howell, Secretary

### Treasurer Report as of October 2016

#### Income

Beginning balance:	\$6,994.52
Income:	2,464.00
Total income:	\$9,458.52

#### Expenses

Expenses:	\$1,852.64
<b>Balance :</b>	<b>\$7,605.88</b>



## 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 (male and female) 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:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$75 Gift Certificate
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50 Gift Certificate
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 intellectual and developmental disabilities live in homes in the community is not new to Sunshine. The first community home opened in 1978, and we now serve well over 150 individuals in community settings.

Sunshine Communities plans 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.

Sunshine plans to help 32 individuals move from a large segregated facility to homes in the community by the summer of 2017. By the end of the project, the goal is to have moved approximately 80 residents to homes in the community.

#### **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.

#### **Editor's Note to Readers:**

If you would like information posted in the newsletter, please contact me by the first of the month with the information.

Contact me at [irose0603@gmail.com](mailto:irose0603@gmail.com)

Take care. Keep calm and keep quilting.

Irene Rose

