

Pieceful Times

Newsletter

President's Message March 2017

Happy Spring – almost. I love this time of year because quilt show season starts!

I hope you are all looking forward to our March speaker, Sharon Mareska as she will guide us in submitting quilts that are ribbon worthy.

I have heard and seen some lovely fabric, patterns and beginnings of quilts for our challenge quilts for Sunshine Community.

I heard that the Saturday retreat was successful – again! I have been approached, and the board will be looking into possibly having a slightly reduced fee for the Saturday retreats if you are unable to come for the full 12 hours, but would still like to come for a bit.

We can't have too many variances and fees, but should be able to come up with something that everyone can live with.

I hope you are looking forward to and inviting friends to go to the weekend retreat in April at Michindoh.

I am looking forward to getting into my quilting studio and getting it organized so I can get back to the Saturday retreats and quilting sometime soon.

Happy Stitching.

Colleen

The Gathering of Quilters Guild

Guild Meetings are:

- *Held at Holland Free Methodist Church*
- *6605 Angola Rd.
Holland, OH 43528*
- *Doors open @ 6:30 pm*
- *Next Meeting is
3/16/17*
- *Meetings are the 3rd
Thursday of odd
months, Sept—May*



Colleen Florkowski

Our March Speaker & Topic:

Sharon Mareska — Judging Quilts

Sharon has been quilting since 1974 and sewing since “forever.” Moving from California to Toledo, Ohio, in 1975 just as quilting was experiencing a revival, Sharon participated in the area’s first organized quilting activities, and to date has not stopped being involved.

An NQA (The National Quilting Association, Inc.) Certified Quilt Judge, 1987, Sharon was active in bringing the 23rd Annual NQA Show to Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1992. Quilt Judge status under NACQJ (National Association of Certified Quilt Judges) continues today.

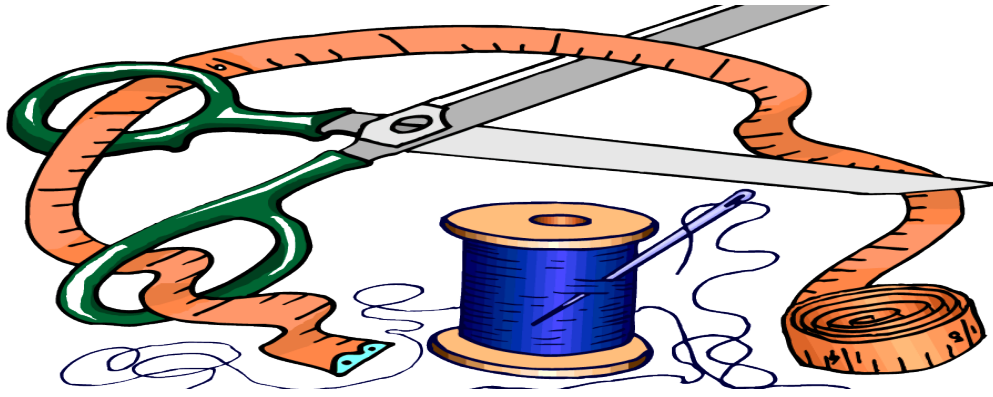
She is a member of several local quilt groups: The Gathering of Quilters Guild (founding member), the Quilt Fan-Attics, and the Promise Quilters (founding member). Initially, Sharon was known as “the-needle-behind-the-Promise-quilt” of the Toledo area’s Race-For-the Cure-Quilt effort. She worked on all thirteen of the fund-raising quilts, helping the Promise Quilters become established and grow into a most successful group making and-promoting an annual quilt to benefit the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Sharon also produced the photography/graphic work used to promote this series of quilts. Their efforts raised over \$277,000.00 before the group disbanded at the end of a dedicated 14-year effort.

Enjoying ongoing national memberships in NACQJ, AQS, AQSG (American Quilt Study Group), she now also regionally participates in the Midwest Fabric Study Group (MFSG). In addition to the many quilts made for family-and-friends, Sharon has created award winning quilts, several of which have been nationally published. Her one-needle creations, as well as group-efforts, are on permanent display at various public and private venues in Northwest Ohio.







Designing the Ohio 2003 Bicentennial Quilt was a special and rewarding experience, as was the thrill of ‘first cover’ status granted to another of her quilts featured on Ohio Quilts magazine. Over the years, Sharon has enjoyed published article-and-quilt contributions to Quilters Newsletter Magazine (that primal quilt publication, sadly now defunct), among others.

With degrees from Northwestern University (B.S.) and University of Iowa (M.A.), early on Sharon pursued a rewarding high-school-art teaching career. Whether traditional or innovative, her work as a quilt artist, author, curator, photographer and sometime-lecturer has increased quilting awareness in the greater Toledo area, and beyond. Sharon, a native of Chicago, has lived in Toledo for 41 years with her husband. Their two married sons have established careers out-of-state. She enjoys facetime with her grandchildren, a life-long study of photography, more recently her computer, and always, gardening... all of which yield a double reward... inspiration in her on-going quilting endeavors.

Of special note, in combination with recent quilt judging, lecturing, designing, creation and collecting activities. 2016: Primary contributor to the Invitational Red & White 40th Anniversary Exhibit, Sauder Village Quilt Fair, Archbold, Ohio. 2015: Best Machine Quilted Award, Kaleidoscope of Quilts Show, Sylvania, Ohio. (machine quilting by Karen Asman)



Remember to Bring the following with you to the Guild Meeting:

-  Canned & packaged food for the Charity Food Kitchen at the Church
-  **Blue** or **Green Fat Quarters** for Raffle Basket
-  Address Labels for raffle use
-  Pop tabs
-  Retreat form and Payment
-  Show & Tell Quilts

Please!
Remember to bring only quality, high thread-count fabric fat quarters (18" X 21") for the raffle basket! Thank you.

Guild Members Interview Project

Guild Members Needed for Interviews!

In an effort to help guild members get to know each other better, and keep our newsletter interesting, I've started interviewing different members. The interviews, along with a photo of the member, will be posted in our newsletters throughout the year.

The articles are meant to be informative and fun. **Interviewees are asked the following questions and may answer any or all of the questions.**

Interview questions included:

- Info about you ... Where were you born? What about you, are you working... retired ..., children, ... etc.? (Whatever you want to share)
- How long have you been making quilts?
- Why did you start making quilts?
- Do you have a favorite quilt making style (traditional, modern, scrap, etc.)?
- How long have you belonged to The Gathering of Quilters Guild?
- Why did you join the guild?
- Have you held any positions in the guild, if so, what were / are they?
- What do you like best about our guild?
- What is your proudest / most enjoyable / memorable quilt project?

Thank you so much to all those who participate in the interviews! And, I hope more members will volunteer / agree to interviews. I hope you enjoy this project.

Irene Rose

GOQG Members Charitable Quilty Donations

As part of the arrangement for renting meeting space at Holland Free Methodist Church, we have agreed to report to the church our members' involvement in sewing for charities.

Our president gives a report to the church at the end of each year's contract which includes a summary of the number of quilts/blankets made, as well as dog beds, school uniforms, cancer caps, burial gowns, school bags, etc., and, which organizations were the recipients.

Sheila Painter is handling this for us, and asks that you either report to her at meetings, or email/call her with this info on a regular basis. For example, you would state:

"In November and December 2016, 'Mary Doe' made three pet beds for various pet shelters, two blankets for Project Linus, three quilts for Bethany House, and two cancer caps for Flower Hospital."

Sheila's contact info is in GOQG Directory, if you forget to tell her in person at our meetings.

Door Prize Donations Needed!

You may have noticed what fabulous prizes we've been awarding to one lucky attendee at each meeting. Did you know these items are donated by our generous members?

If you have new or nearly new items for future prizes, please give to me at any meeting...we need items that people would love to win. Fabric, new patterns or books, notions that not everybody has....you know what members would be thrilled to receive!

It's true, Danielle K. has won two meetings in a row (what are the chances of that!?), but EVERYONE who attends is in the running to win. Hey Danielle, we'd love to see what you made with the jelly roll you won in November!!

Also, don't forget, members, I need your info on what sewn items you donated to charity between our January meeting and now, our March meeting. Our president needs to report the year's summary to the church where we meet. Email me, call me, or tell me at the meeting.

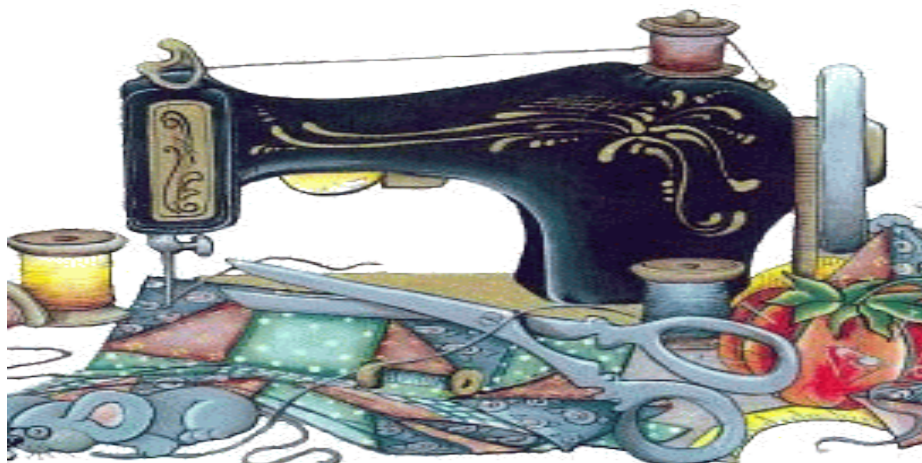
Sheila Painter

Open GOQG Board Positions

The Treasurer position for 2018—2020 (2 yr position) is open. We are looking for an interested guild member who would like to fill this role.

The Chairperson position for the annual 3 Day Guild Weekend Retreat for 2018—2020 is open, also.

What a great way to get involved in the guild activities! Consider taking on a position with a fellow guild member. It will be twice as fun!!!



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GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD
Minutes of meeting January 19, 2017

Refreshments were enjoyed until the meeting began at 7:00 with 37 present. After Colleen made a request for Program Chairmen to plan programs for 2017-2018, the program began.

The **business meeting** followed the program which was mostly about dying and felting wool to use for applique'. **Minutes**, as published in *Pieceful Times* from the January meeting were approved and the one typo was corrected. The **treasurer's report** was approved as published in *Pieceful Times*.

The **one-day retreat** will be January 28 at Stitch, from 9-9. 12 have signed up for the \$35 event.

The **Weekend retreat** has more spaces available and will be held at Michindoh April 8-10. See last meeting minutes for price.

The **challenge this year** is a lap quilt 40"x50" to 50"x60" for residents of Sunshine Homes. The theme of "You are My Sunshine" encourages bright and colorful quilts, three layers and hand or machine quilted, not tied. There will be monetary prizes for the 3 most popular. Irene Rose and Diana Trost are in charge.

One **new member**: Sandy Dallas, has been quilting for years and is glad to find like-minded new friends.

Door prizes were won by Danielle Kistner (again), Kathy Pertcheck, Patty Miller, and Debbie Linenkugel.

Fat Quarters were won by Hattie Kate Howell.

50%-50% was won by Ellie Gee [aka Ellie Grabarczyk], \$39

Kaleidoscope Show will be July 21-22. For more information, check the website of Glass City Quilt Commission, GCQC.org. That challenge's theme is **barn quilts**. Registration will open soon. There will be vendors, classes and demos. Volunteers can sign up at our March meeting. It was moved and passed that our guild will donate \$50 for prize for best hand quilting.

Sauder Village quilt show will be the first week of May. Their challenge is a 24"x24" to 36"x36" quilt with the theme "Permission to Play." The fabrics are available at the store or you can order the kit of fat quarters online. Registration is open now on-line.

Thanks to Irene Rose for our newsletter, *Pieceful Times*, which is well done.

Ronald McDonald House sent thanks for the 72 pounds of pull tabs and 91 quilts.

The **show and tell** was of course beautiful.

March meeting will feature Sharon Mareska who will speak on Judging.

We finished at 9:15.

The speaker, Allison Fox, who owns Stitch sewing machine and fabric shop on Holland-Sylvania Road. After mentioning products and services at the new location of Stitch, Allison explained how to test if fabric is wool, [Soak a scrap in a small jar of bleach, if there is residue, it is not pure wool.], and how to dye it. She mentioned several chemicals, Protem and synthrapol, and emphasized the need for a dedicated enamel roasting pan for a vat and heavy-duty chemical-resistant gloves. For applique' felted wool, use "steam a seam 2 light". Felted wool does not fray, so you can use aurafil, pearl cotton, or wool/acrylic thread. Stitch carries some of the chemicals, or can help you order them. Classes are or can be offered. Just ask Allison.

Recorded by Hattie Kate Howell, secretary

Treasurer's Report as of February 20, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$7,148.26
Income	\$12,266.26
Expenses	(\$2,834.96)
Balance	\$9,431.30

Note: This does not include any encumbered expenses such as insurance, hall rental fees.



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

Take care. Keep calm and keep quilting.

Irene Rose

Project Linus Work Days for 2017

Meet on the 2nd Friday of each month:

10 am—2 pm

- Mar 10 - Apr 14 - May 12

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

Open to all interested volunteers!

The Gathering of Quilters Guild Retreat at Mchindo Conference Center

Friday April 7 thru Sunday, April 9th, 2017

Hello Quilters! Come join the fun! Our Michindo Retreat still has a couple of openings. Let's fill it up!

Come do some stitching and have a relaxing time together with people who love to make beautiful things. Let's have some stitching fun together. Hope to hear from u!
Candy Colleen.

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Members - \$175.00

Non Members - \$200.00

2017
OH-MI
Shop Hop

March 23 - 25
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 quilt label** at each shop
- Each shop will have a sample of the pattern on display
- Special sales plus **20% off** selected fabrics
- Bus trips sponsored by Sonflower Quilts, 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!
1128 Eureka
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



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).

We are hoping to have at least 35 quilts for the first group of residents moving into the first resident in May.

There are a total of approximately 89 individuals who will be moving into the family style living quarters over this coming year.

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.

Check out our website at:
www.gatheringofquilters.org

THE GATHERING OF QUILTERS

2016-2017 DAY RETREATS

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Let's make time for fun, good food and company and a time to work on our projects. Dates available have been extended through August (upon approval by the Guild)

Cost: \$35.00 per retreat (Lunch & Dinner inclusive)

Time: 9:00 am until 9:00 pm

Where: Stitch

*3435 N Holland Sylvania Road
Toledo, Ohio 43615*

*Linda Ball: 419-705-3745 cell
Phone: 419.517.7092*

Bring a snack to share. There are cutting surfaces and irons available.

Reservations need to be turned in by a week before the retreat to allow time for set up and count for food.

Bring a friend. Introduce them to our group. We are always looking for new members although not a requirement to attend.

Make checks out to the guild.

To reserve your seat please see Linda Ball at our Guild meetings or you can reach me:

Phone: 419-705-3745 (*If I do not answer, please leave a message and I'll get back with you.*)

Email: llyball@netscape.net

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