



North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council

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2017-2019 Board

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From the President

Hello Everyone!

Hopefully you are enjoying the summer while working on your quilts. I know I am.

Portage Patchers will host our next general meeting on October 6th at the Mogadore United Methodist Church. I'm really looking forward to hearing what lessons speaker Gwen Liverett learned with her *Dear Jane Quilt*. Did you know there are over 200 patterns in the original Jane Stickle quilt made in 1863? See page 2 for details about the meeting.

The NEORQC Board has recommended a bylaw change that we will discuss and vote on at the meeting. Article V. Officers, Section 2 reads: Election of officers will be held at the March meeting in the odd years. The term of office shall be two years. The term shall begin at the close of the March meeting in the odd year.

The proposed change to Section 2 is: Election of officers will be held at the March Annual Meeting for a term of two years, elected on alternate years. Elected the odd year will be President and Secretary, the even year the Vice President and Treasurer. The term shall begin at the close of the March meeting.

Also, at the general meeting, 2017 Grant recipients will share with us how they used their grant money. Recipients of 2018 Grants will be announced.

September 1 starts registration for the 2019 Getaway. Information packets were mailed to member guilds the first of August. The information is also posted on the website at www.neorqconline.org under the Getaway tab. At last year's Getaway I put out a challenge to those in attendance: if you had a great time, come to the 2019 Getaway and bring a friend. I heard the attendees say they had a great time. So, let's have a sell out for 2019! Barb and her committee are hard at work to make the 2019 Getaway another success. Come and find out for yourself how much fun you can have!

Bring your completed Shop Hop cards to the general meeting. October prize drawings will conclude the 2017-2108 program. We do have some new shops and some have dropped their membership. New cards for the 2019-2020 Shop Hop will be available on the NEORQC website after shop members have paid their 2019 dues in January.

Looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting!

Janis Hittle
2017-2019 NEORQC President



General Meeting – Saturday, October 6

Host guild: Portage Patchers Quilt Guild
Where: Mogadore United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
3828 Mogadore Rd, Mogadore
Lunch: Beef and Chicken Taco Salad provided by the host guild, including beverages and table service
Attendees: **bring dessert** – no more than half-dozen (6) of either cookies, brownies or bar cookies. Any extras will be donated.

Note: the church is east of McDonalds, on the same side of the street. Parking in the rear of church. Signs will be posted for additional parking. Enter the church via the portico. A meet and greet table will be inside.



Guest Speaker: Gwen Liverett
"Dear Jane Quilt – Lessons Learned on My Jane Journey"

Gwen was born and raised in NE Ohio and resides in the Hartville area. She has been quilting since 1992. Gwen belonged to various quilting groups, taught at a local quilt shop and is a member of the Sew Happy Carnation Quilt Guild of Alliance. She authored a book, *The Story of a Secret Quilt*.

Education Grants – Reminder!!!

Current recipients will present their program at the Oct. 6th meeting.

Guilds that received 2017 grants for implementation in 2018 are expected to present their program at the upcoming general meeting. For information on Presentations, contact Cindy Casciato at www.neorqconline.org/grantsneorc. NOTE: 2018 grant winners will be announced at the October meeting.

Host Guilds Needed in 2019

Host guilds are needed for 2019 general meetings in March, June and October. Guilds are given \$250 to cover the expense of hosting.

Host guild supplies:

- Facility with room set up for the meeting
- Educational program speaker
- Lunch, which can be potluck
- Morning pastries, beverages, table service



As part of our continuing features on a member, shop, or teacher....

Meet Mary Bernower



Many of you have had the pleasure of knowing Mary for quite some time. But if you haven't already met Mary, sat with her at a NEORQC meeting or taken a class with her, you can get to know her through this article written by Shannon Flanagan at *The Review* newspaper in Alliance. The article is reprinted with permission of Shannon and the newspaper. And, Mary too. Photo by Gayle Blair, *The Alliance Review*.

Mary Bernower, a member of Sew Happy Carnation Quilters, says as long as you can follow directions, anyone can learn to quilt. Though she didn't initially take up the hobby, Bernower grew up around quilting which was done by multiple generations of her family. "It was all part of the family; people quilted," she recalled. "My mom was always working on a quilt, appliqueing or cross-stitching and then quilting it. Then when I was really little I'd go to my grandma's and she would have the big quilt frame and have her daughters sitting there and they would all be quilting."

Bernower remembers when she was about 8 years old, she was allowed to put her first few stitches in one of the quilts the elder generations were working on. By age 10, and as a member of 4-H, she said she began sewing, but she didn't actually get into quilting until the early 1990s.

Just looking for something to do, Bernower took a quilting class, learning handwork. She said she initially did everything by hand and swore she would never do machine quilting, but now that's all she does. "Some gal was teaching a class on machine quilting and I just took the class to be nice and never turned back," she said. "I love hand quilting, but if you want something done, machine quilting is the way to go." Bernower said working on a machine is quicker, it's fun and you don't need the large frame — you just sit down at the machine and do it.

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If you had to leave your home in an emergency, what would you carry out?



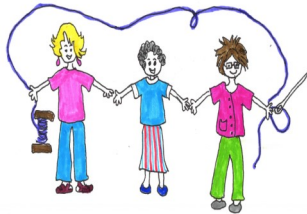
The "Quilts" of Refugees

South Sudanese refugees fled with only what they could carry. Among those few items were bedsheets from home ... their "*milayas*: cloths covered in ornately sewn birds, flowers, and designs. The women had learned to make them from their mothers and grandmothers. The sheets covered beds, hung on walls, and were often included in dowries." See their beautiful bedsheets in this National Geographic feature story: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2018/05/proof-photography-refugees-uganda-bidibidi-south-sudan/>

2019 GETAWAY

FEBRUARY 15-17

HOLIDAY INN, BOARDMAN



Mark your calendars, call your friends, and join us for a weekend quilting retreat of friends old and new, instructed classroom projects and lots of quilting. **Registration begins September 1, 2018.** The registration form can be printed from the website – www.neorqconline.org – under the “Getaway” tab.

Class Choices:

Let’s Color It – Dee Hart, Instructor

Wings – Carolyn Burgess and Heidi Dietz, Instructors

Let’s Fill in the Blanks – Mary Bernower, Instructor

Elephant Abstraction – Laura Nolletti, Instructor

Classic Scrappy Double Wedding Ring – Linda Miller, Instructor

Judy Niemeyer Projects New or Unfinished – Karen Conley, Instructor

Machine Quilted Sampler with Westalee Templates – Clare Neff, Instructor

Delectable Mountains – Cindy Casciato, Instructor

Flower Power – Ginger Mangie, Instructor

Open Studio

Final classes offered will be based on participants’ registrations. It is important to list more than one choice. One to two classes will be canceled based on classroom availability. Other classes may be canceled if the class enrollment is below eight (8). Final classes will be determined in November. You will receive your class confirmation by the end of November. Make sure to get your registration in to ensure your place in the classes you want.

Registration includes: 2-night stay; Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch; classroom instruction; sewing area; refreshments; hotel amenities; taxes and gratuities. Registration for commuters includes class and meals.

Getaway show and tell: Friday night - finished projects from 2018; Saturday - projects from home; Sunday – projects from 2019 getaway. Door prizes and attendee gifts given throughout the Getaway.

For further details, go to the NEORQC website – Getaway tab.

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Willoughby Hills Quilt Show

September 5 - November 5

Exhibit: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Reception: September 7th 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Willoughby Hills Community Center – 35400

Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills

Contact: Linda Sacerich 440-585-0486

Ohio Amish Country Quilt Festival

September 6-8

Mt. Hope Auction House

8076 SR 241, Millersburg

Cotton Candy Quilt Guild – Special Event

September 11, 7:00pm

Lecture by Judy Smith: *IN PERFECT HARMONY:*

Using Fibonacci Numbers in Quiltmaking

Macedonia City Hall (lower meeting room),

9691 Valley View Rd, Macedonia

Reservations: \$10, mail check made out to *Cotton*

Candy Quilt Guild to Coti Voegtler/Cotton Candy Quilt

Guild, 7815 Old Eight Road, Hudson, OH 44236.

Streetsboro Quilt Guild Show 2018

October 5 & 6

Faith Baptist Church

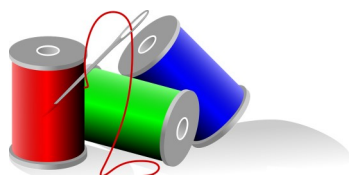
9890 St. Rte. 43 at Frost Rd., Streetsboro

Contact Sharon Kemp 330-283-2697,

skemp@kent.edu

www.streetsboroquiltguild.com

Judged show



Canton Quilters' Guild Fall Fling

October 11

Guest speaker: Rebekah L. Smith, specialist in wool applique

Skyland Pines, 3350 Columbus Rd NE, Canton

Contact: TeresaQuilts@juno.com

Quilters' Legacy of Lakewood:

A Gem of a Show

October 20 & 21

Rocky River Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.

Contact: QuiltersLegacy@hotmail.com or

ba.shaffer57@gmail.com

Wildwood Quilt Guild Annual Quilt Show

November 4

Mentor Senior Center

8484 Munson Rd., Mentor

Contact: Linda Sinclair lsinclair24@att.net

440-946-0945

Lorain County Piecemakers Quilt Guild

November 9, 10 & 11

New Russia Township Lodge

4600 Butternut Ridge Rd, Oberlin

Contact Julie: jb76quilts@msn.com

Details: <https://>

loraincountypiecemakers.wordpress.com/

events/2018-quilt-show/

Sew Happy Carnation Quilters –

19th Annual Tea and Luncheon

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Alliance Country Club, 725 East Milton St., Alliance

Speakers: Eva Birch, Nancy Gano, and Jodi Robinson, authors of the AQS publication, *Applique for Modern Beginners*.

Invitations will be sent to guilds January 1st with more details.

Check the NEORQC website and Facebook page periodically for additional events and shows.



Congratulations 2018 NEORQC Challenge Winners!



These four winners rose to the challenge of using one supplied fat quarter within a creation of their choosing. Left to right: **Pat Williams**, That Quilt Group I Belong To, small quilts/wall hangings; **Susan Beall**, Western Reserve Quilters, tote bags/purses; **Marianne Schultz**, KUIS Quilt Guild, large quilts more than 30” on a side; **Karen Diller**, Western Reserve Quilters, wearables/miscellaneous.



Four beautiful raffle quilts made by member guilds.



Lorain County Piecemakers,
Lorain

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Village Piecemakers,
Garrettsville



Quilting Stars of Ohio,
Canton



NEORQC Newsletter – February, 2019 – send news of spring and summer 2019 shows, workshops and special events to cjkquilts@gmail.com by January 10th.

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE



Wildwood Quilt Guild,
Mentor



Raise Money for Your Guild: Here's a suggestion from the June general meeting: hold a "garage sale" where members donate their UFO's, fabric, notions, anything quilting related.

Keep Blocks Organized: Here's how one quilter keeps blocks organized after deciding on the layout: with a set of nicely cut labels so that the pin doesn't have to go through the paper. In lieu of Post-It notes which don't always stick, she makes a set that will last longer using a paper punch and cardstock. For details, see Nicole Neblett's blog post on July 15, 2018, *The Simple and Easy-Peasy Way I Use Up My Scraps*. www.mamalovequilts.com



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NEORQC Website & Facebook

Keep up to date with these continually refreshed resources.

www.neorqconline.org

On Facebook, search for *NEORQC - North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council*

How do you organize or plan to organize your favorite quilt, sewing and craft books? E-mail your response to: cjkquilts@gmail.com Answers will be shared in the next NEORQC newsletter.



Meet Mary Bernower — Continued

Walking through her Alliance home, it is apparent Bernower has spent plenty of time at her machine. The bed in one room is stacked with quilt after quilt — each with a different design, theme and color scheme. Bernower works in her quilting room that includes a design wall and space to work. Recently, she was in the middle of eight different projects — six her own, one for the church and one with her Sew Happy guild. “All my quilting career I’ve been so good at starting a project and finishing it, but things kind of pile up,” she said.

As one of the charter members of her quilt guild, Bernower said she has learned a lot from her time with the other women involved. “The guild has so many very talented people and I’m really glad I’m in the guild for that very reason because you get to bounce ideas off each other and see what others are doing and come up with new colors or new ideas, new patterns or new designs,” she said.

While she has done many different quilt projects — and is currently working on several T-shirt quilts — Bernower said her favorite thing to do is making “big quilts that you sleep under.” She also enjoys “piecing.” “Usually I pick a pattern and follow the directions but do my own colors,” she explained. Bernower said she likes quilting because there’s a real sense of accomplishment. “When you get a quilt done, you feel like you got something accomplished, and then it’s something you can give away; something other people treasure.”

Her quilts are something her family treasures, including her three children, Molly Middleton, of Alliance; Amy Gasser, of Youngstown; and Jim Bernower, of Magnolia. She also has six grandchildren who have received her quilts.

Bernower, a retired English teacher who taught in Lake, North Canton and Louisville schools, has been married to her husband, Bill, for 47 years. “It keeps her out of my hair,” Bill joked about his wife’s quilting hobby. “I like to see what she creates. They’re really kind of neat. I taught her well, didn’t I?” She said Bill helps her pick colors out and lets her know if he doesn’t like something. “I’m actually worse than her in a quilt shop,” he admitted.

Other than quilting, Bernower said she enjoys traveling with her husband, which has including three-month stays in Alaska. Of course, she said, she took her quilting supplies with her and continued her hobby thousands of miles from home. “I always had a project with me and always bought enough to do a project up there if I wanted to,” she said. “I shopped at every quilt shop there was up there; found them all.”