



# North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council

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## 2017-2019 Board

President—Janis Hittle

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## From the President

Hello Everyone!

As I write this message, winter has finally arrived. Cold, blowing snow. We have been fortunate so far with the mild temps. Winter had to show up sometime, right?

The next General Meeting is Saturday, March 2 at the Pins and Needles shop in Middleburg Heights. I hope you can attend. The owner, Jan, will be the speaker. And, you get to shop the store after the meeting. Convenient, right?

Voting will take place for President and Secretary. If the Nominating Committee contacts you about being an officer, please consider saying yes. It's important to keep this wonderful organization going, and volunteering to be a part of the board will ensure this.

Are you working on the Annual Challenge? Information on the challenge can be found in this newsletter.

Dues renewal reminders were sent to each guild by Membership Chair Linda Roberto. Dues are to be paid by January 31. If you haven't sent yours in, please do so ASAP. We don't want you to miss out on what is happening in NEORQC.

March 16 is National Quilting Day. Does your guild do anything to commemorate this day? If so, be prepared to share that with us at the meeting on March 2.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Keep Quilting!

Janis Hittle  
2017-2019 NEORQC President



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## *General Meeting — Saturday, March 2, 2019*

Co-Hosts: Calico Hearts Guild & NEORQC Board  
Where: **Pins & Needles—Middleburg Heights**  
Time: **10:00 a.m.**  
Address: 7300 Pearl Rd., Middleburg Heights  
Parking: Ample parking on both sides of the shop and in the back  
Breakfast: Light continental breakfast provided  
Lunch: Potluck with the host guild providing an entrée  
Quilters — please bring a salad, side dish or dessert

### **Guest Speaker:**

**Jan Brostek, owner of Pins & Needles**



Trends are dynamic in the quilting industry! Jan will share what's new with sewing machine companies – who was recently bought and sold – and explain how machines have evolved over time. She'll have plenty of fabrics to show – “they will rock you!” she said – that will demonstrate how today's designing of fabrics has changed...improvements to enhance our quilting and garment making. The shop recently received a shipment of what at first appears to be painting on white fabric. Fresh and exciting! Applique is in the midst of an interesting revival. And on and on...so don't miss this opportunity to be in the know!

NOTE: Jan is offering a 20% discount throughout the store for your shopping pleasure after the meeting. Some merchandise in the shop will be marked up-to-50% off.

### **2019 Challenge**

**Quilters: you are challenged to put your creativity to work for the June 1st general meeting.**

Using a panel of your choosing as your starting point, make at least one of the following:

- ◇ Bed quilt: single, double, queen or king
- ◇ Small quilt/wall hanging
- ◇ Miscellaneous: Tote bags/purses/wearables

To qualify your entry, please include an image of your original panel. This could be a photo you take or a copy from a catalog or online store, etc.

Attendees will vote for a favorite in each category using criteria provided by the chairwoman.

Prizes will be awarded.

### **President and Secretary Election at March Meeting**

A ballot containing nominees for these two offices will be presented at the March meeting. Nominations will also be requested from the floor. Voting follows when nominations are complete.



**Lake Farmpark Quilts 2019  
Feb. 8—Mar. 10**

[www.lakemetroparks.com/events-activities/events/quilts-2019](http://www.lakemetroparks.com/events-activities/events/quilts-2019)

**Sew Happy Carnation Quilters  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual Tea and Luncheon  
Saturday, February 9**

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*.

**Pittsburgh Creative Arts Festival:  
Knit. Crochet. Quilt. Create!  
March 15-17**

[www.pghknitandcrochet.com](http://www.pghknitandcrochet.com)

NOTE: Click through all the tabs on the website.  
There's quite a bit going on, including a fabric,  
yarn, hand made Swap on Sunday.



Prince Cherrywood Challenge 2018 Tribute Tour

**Original Sewing & Quilt Expo  
Cleveland  
April 4 -6**

<http://www.sewingexpo.com>

**Quilters with Heart  
Hosting designers/owners of  
Lunn Fabrics, Lancaster, OH  
Saturday, May 4**

No details available at this time.

**The Old Uniontown Quilt Guild  
Annual Quilt Show  
"Material Girls"**

**July 12 & 13**

New location: Ray & Joan Kroc Center,  
Salvation Army, 527 East Liberty Street,  
Ashland

Admission: \$5.00 adult, under 12 free.

Contacts: Deb Armstrong 602-402-0415  
Marcia Puster 419-606-5851

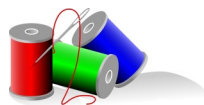


**Inspiration:**

*The process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative.*

**Where do NEORQC members find inspiration?**

- \* Quilt shows
- \* Show & Tell at meetings
- \* Small groups of quilters
- \* Their own stash
- \* Architectural detail, especially when on vacation (take photos to keep as reminder)
- \* "Wandering around" – quilt /fabric stores, art museums, outdoors
- \* Coloring books
- \* Art & artists
- \* Well-known quilters: local, national, int'l.
- \* Books
- \* Magazines
- \* Her own creative mind
- \* TV shows (pause & take pictures)
- \* Quilters' websites
- \* Quilting/sewing/artistic blogs online: NE OH quilters/artists, national, int'l
- \* Links to bloggers' own fav blogs/websites
- \* Facebook quilt & other creative groups
- \* Instagram
- \* Pinterest
- \* YouTube videos



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

October 2018 General Meeting



NEORQC Grant Recipients shared their projects

**Friends Quilt Together Guild**  
Teen quilt camp



**Janet Bryant:** Teen quilt camp at Firestone Community Park, Akron



**Calico Hearts Guild:** 60 quilts and 123 pillow-cases for abused children taken from their homes



**Willoughby Hills Guild**

40 quilts donated to Women's Safe, Quilts of Compassion and Providence House



**Guild Raffle Quilts 2019 Displayed**

**Keep Us in Stitches Guild**, North Royalton  
Mother/daughter quilters — Marianne Schultz and Laura Yoder — spoke with attendees about the guild's sports-themed raffle quilts for 2019.



**Speaker Gwen Levitt**

"Dear Jane Quilt – Lessons Learned on My Jane Journey"





## Featured Shop Member

### Barnes Sewing Center

2582 State Road — Cuyahoga Falls 44223

<http://www.barnessewing.com/>

330-920-1583



Chris Barnes, owner, with team members  
(left) Shirla Dana & Cathy Jenkins (right)

Four decades ago Bob Barnes established his store selling sewing machines and accessories. Thanks to a successful business built on integrity, service and quality product and 40 years later, his son Chris Barnes has taken over the family business. "I want to honor the business my Dad built by continuing to focus on high quality service and integrity." Chris is involved in both the sales floor and machine service department as a certified technician for all equipment Barnes sells. Bob Barnes is still contributing to the business by offering helpful advice and enjoying working with customers. The Sewing Center is fortunate to have several experienced team members including Melissa Argilan, Reneah Raffey, Elaine Simpson, Shirla Dana, Cathy Jenkins along with Service Manager Doug Pappas.

To complement their many embroidery, quilting and crafts machines and related products, Barnes hosts events in their 5,000 square foot event center throughout the year with lectures and demonstrations from manufacturers including hands-on projects for attendees to experience. You'll also find sewing and embroidery clubs and specific project classes on their monthly calendar.

Barnes equipment brands include Brother, Baby Lock, Bernina, Juki, Janome, and Accuquilt. Each machine comes with one year of free service, guide lessons for life, a lifetime 20% discount on notions, thread and stabilizers and support from competent staff. Additionally, the Center has a large selection of completely reconditioned used machines that are sold with warranties. Certified technicians are on-site.



## Featured Shop Member

### Welcome Polka Dot Pincushion — NEORQC's newest shop member!

3807 Brecksville Rd. Ste. 8 — Richfield 44286 330-659-0233



Polka Dot Pincushion opened in 2005 in Richfield with a focus on customers – the heart of the business. Owners Ronnie Pancovich and Debbie Allen concentrate on the latest trends in order to offer what today's quilter is most interested in. They want to help you make the most of the precious creative time you give yourself. Everyone who works at the shop has her own area of expertise to help customers solve quilting or sewing problems or start a new project with advice on fabric and pattern selection.

The shop offers:

- ◆ A diverse palette of fabrics from a variety of fabric manufacturers including Asian-inspired, reproduction Civil War prints, juvenile designs, flannels, modern designers, primitive and whimsical designs as well as a large selection of blacks and whites.
- ◆ Many kits, ranging from table runners to full-sized quilts, especially for what's on display in the shop
- ◆ Pre-cuts – charm packs, jelly rolls, layer cakes
- ◆ For embroidery and redwork enthusiasts: many patterns with a wide range of fabrics to finish your hand-work; plus, hand dyed wools and patterns for wool embroidery both by hand and machine
- ◆ Block of the month programs with quilts ranging in size and scope from fully pieced quilts, completely hand/fused appliquéd quilts, embroidered quilts to small monthly wall hangings
- ◆ Specialty groups centering on appliquéd or other topics such as the Dear Jane quilt with monthly meetings scheduled.

Fun is part of the vocabulary at the shop. Quilters have enjoyed *Souper Bowl Sunday* with refreshments, games, giveaways, make & take and open sew. A similar agenda was used in July at the *Flip Flops, Flames & Fa La La* event scheduled during the arrival of Christmas fabrics. When customers expressed interest in the Crabapple Hill coloring and tinting techniques, the shop planned a *Coloring & Cocktails* event to teach the technique. After a relocation two years ago, the shop has ample space for classes and meetings. They welcome guilds to their shop for off-site meetings and enjoy speaking to guilds at the guild's meeting place. Give them a call for more details.





**Project to Recognize Veterans’ Continuing Service:  
Honor Guard Quilt Project**

On Nov. 11, 2018, Calico Hearts guild presented quilts to members of the Honor Guard from VFW Post 1055, Ravenna, where Cindy Casciato’s husband is commander. The presentation was held at the post with the quilt makers in attendance. Cindy has provided an outline on page 7 to help you organize an Honor Guard quilt project. Please feel free to contact her with any questions at [cindycasciato@gmail.com](mailto:cindycasciato@gmail.com).

**Honor Guard Recipients**



**Calico Hearts Quilt Makers**



Cindy noted: “The guys were totally surprised by the quilts and wanted to have everyone’s address so they could send thank you notes. They were so proud to receive a quilt and recognized all the time and effort that went into the work of making them.”

**What is an Honor Guard and what do they do?**

The primary purpose of an Honor Guard is to provide funeral honors for comrades of all branches of service in all types of weather for as long as it takes to ensure respect for the service. An Honor Guard – comprised of military veterans from all branches of service who volunteer their time – serves as "guardians of the colors" by displaying and escorting the national flag on ceremonial occasions at official state and local functions. They may also serve as ambassadors to the public.

**How to Organize an Honor Guard Quilt Project — see page 8**

**Looking for ideas for guild programming?**

Great resources are available with our Shop members and Teacher members for the following:  
speaker, trunk show, workshop at guild or shop, retreat, etc.

- <https://www.neorqonline.org/teachers/>
- <https://www.neorqonline.org/shopsresources/>

### How to Organize an Honor Guard Quilt Project

1. First steps: a) Locate a VFW and/or American Legion Post in your community. b) Contact the commanders of the posts to ask if there is an Honor Guard unit that serves the community. c) Try to learn a little about the Honor Guard unit. Sometimes the two organizations work together to make up an all-volunteer Guard unit.
2. Establish an ongoing contact within the VFW or American Legion. Either the Commander of the Post or possibly the captain of the Honor Guard.
3. Find out how many veterans serve on the Honor Guard to determine how many quilts you need to make.
4. Select a mutually-agreed-upon date, place/event for presenting the quilts.
5. Set a timeline to accomplish making the quilts. Calico Hearts gave quilters one year to complete all the quilts. Sometimes selecting a significant date such as November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day, is a great opportunity to create an event to present the quilts.
6. Provide a simple pattern that the ladies can make. Determine the size of quilt you want to make. Most quilts provided are lap size. Check out this web site for free quilt pattern ideas. <https://www.govf.org/quilters-questions/quilt-patterns/>
7. If you want to personalize the quilts with the individual branch of service logo, here is the link to purchase the fabric logos. <http://www.travelingdesigns.com/militaryemblemspanels.html> They are printed on 100% cotton fabric and cut down to 8 ½” square.
8. Ask for volunteers to piece the quilts and volunteers to quilt them. Members can donate the fabric or the guild can contribute to the project.
9. Make a label for the back of every quilt and include a space for each quilter to add their name.
10. Choose a couple of ladies to: a) keep track of the quilts and the progress of each one and b) maintain contact with the VFW Post or American Legion where the quilts will be presented.
11. Be sure to take photographs of the makers and recipients and document for your guild records and publicity.

#### Honor Guard Quilt Label

This quilt was made by the Calico Hearts Quilt Guild of Ravenna, Ohio.

It is given with gratitude and pride for the services rendered as a member of VFW Post 1055 Honor Guard.

Quiltmaker: *(name)*

Honor Guard Member: *(name)*



Helpful Tips

#### 5 Quilting Hacks with Masking Tape

A short video. NOTE: the host is using frog or painter's tape.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=9&v=1MIZVeB00Jk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=1MIZVeB00Jk)





### NEORQC Website & Facebook

Keep up to date with these continually refreshed resources.

[www.neorqconline.org](http://www.neorqconline.org)

On Facebook, search for *NEORQC - North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council* and join the group.

### NEORQC 2019 Grant Recipients

Announced at the October general meeting, for implementation in 2019:

1. Cuyahoga County — Maranatha Messengers Pathfinders Club/Donna Johnston: students age 9-13 will be taught to quilt and make a sampler quilt.
2. Trumbull County — Ohio Star Quilt Guild: 20 guild members will teach beginning quilting to 15 children, age 8-18.
3. Portage County — Calico Hearts Quilt Guild: members will work one-on-one with 30 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to sew a pillowcase and small quilt.
4. Medina County — Honeybee Quilters and the Medina County Library Highland Branch: guild members will teach teens and pre-teens simple hand quilting techniques.
5. Tuscarawas County — 4-H members and their families throughout the county will make quilts for veterans — Quilts of Valor – “Under our Wings” project.
6. Lake County — Friends Quilt Together: teen quilt camp, 12-15 participants in grades 6-12.

### Host Guilds Needed

Host guilds are needed for general meetings.  
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



**NEORQC Newsletter – May, 2019** – send news of summer and fall 2019 shows, workshops and special events to [cjkquilts@gmail.com](mailto:cjkquilts@gmail.com) by April 10<sup>th</sup>.