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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone!

I hope everyone is staying warm! Lots of cold weather. What a snowstorm. We finally get snow and boy was it a doozy. It's been an unusual winter so far.

Thank you to everyone who attended the October general meeting at Pins and Needles. It was so nice to see your smiling faces. It was nice to do something "normal" with our group.

It was announced earlier that the 2022 Getaway is canceled. Yes, we are disappointed; but the health and safety of the attendees is very important. Please see page 3 regarding the Getaway.

The March general meeting is also canceled. The expected surge in covid numbers was a deciding factor. Since the meeting is two weeks after the canceled Getaway, it was felt that was too close and members may still be reluctant to attend. The next scheduled general meeting is June 4, 2022.

Dues reminders were sent to everyone. If you haven't sent yours in, please do so now. We want to update the website, the shop hop card and guild contacts list.

The shop hop card on the website will be valid until June 2022. The June general meeting will be the last meeting for these cards to be included in the drawing. Please continue to support the shops who are listed. After the June general meeting, the shop hop card will be updated with the current member shops at that time. The new shop hop card will be posted on the website.

The new Annual Challenge was announced at the October general meeting. The theme is *My Great Escape, Making it Personal*. Bring your completed version of coping with the pandemic to the June meeting.

We need guild hosts for June and October 2022. If you would like to host a meeting, please contact Vice President Margaret LaVenia through the website. If you are not sure what is expected to host a meeting, go to the website (www.neorqconline.org), click the About tab and then click on the Duties and Responsibility tab.

Stay safe and healthy!

Happy quilting.
Janis Hittle
NEORQC President

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EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Due to the absence of General Meetings from March 2020 – June 2021, NEORQC was unable to award grants on the usual timelines. At the October 2021 General Meeting, it was announced that an interim, shortened grant period would be from December 2021- June 2022.

NEORQC Grant Awarded - Learning to Quilt for Charity

Sew4Service, founded by Lucy Kulbago, is the only organization currently implementing a program with the aid of a NEORQC Education Grant. The group is from Twinsburg in Summit County.

One of the missions of *Sew4Service* is to teach basic sewing and quilting skills to people of all ages, including children. The group is working with elementary age students at Gesu Catholic Elementary School in University Heights on a weekly basis during an after-school program which started in mid-December and continues into early June. During this time, six different groups of students will learn how to use a sewing machine, make simple quilt blocks, and assemble the blocks to make a quilt top intended to be donated to a local charity. Classes take place in the school's sewing lab.

The Grant money is being used to purchase batting, backing, and thread to complete the quilts so they are ready to be donated. Most of the quilt blocks are made with fabric donated to *Sew4Service* for this project. The goal is to complete six student-made quilts for donation.



2022 Grant Applications

For education provided Oct. '22 – Sept. '23

Grant applications are due by September 1, 2022, and will be awarded at the October General Meeting. Application form: <https://www.neorqconline.org/5918-2/>. Questions may be directed to Cathy Parker, NEORQC Grant Coordinator at <https://www.neorqconline.org/grantsneorqc/>.

The NEORQC Education Grant is offered to provide from \$100 to \$500 to organizations or guilds teaching the fine art of quilting, raising public awareness and outreach of quilting. We especially encourage projects that introduce youth to sewing and quilting. This money is to be used for supplies or workshop fees for the planned education/teaching of quilting to children, adults, scouts, 4-H, and guilds.

CHALLENGE - 2022

My Great Escape, Making it Personal

How are you “escaping” the pandemic? Create a project that shows your own personal way of dealing with the pandemic. It can be any size you want – small/lap quilt, large quilt or miscellaneous item. Challenge projects are due at the June 4, 2022 General Meeting.

2023 - Escaping to NEORQC Getaway

Much to the disappointment of the Getaway committee, NEORQC Board, attendees and teachers, the 2022 Getaway was canceled because of the rapidly spreading Omicron variant and surge predicted for January and February. The safety and health of everyone is important to us and was the reason for the cancellation. The 2023 Getaway is scheduled for February 17-19, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Boardman. Please save the date. The Getaway Committee is already working towards the 2023 event by still carrying out all the ideas and plans that were being completed for the 2022 event. Each of the teachers have agreed to teach their class in 2023. If you were registered for one of the 2022 classes listed below, we will reserve a space within that class for your registration next year, unless you determine otherwise. Just as a reminder, the classes for 2023 are:

Exploding Hearts – Laura Nolletti
Jelly Roll Jewel – Cathy Parker
A Summer Topiary – Ginger Mangie

Dresden Stars – Judy Smith
Exploding Stars – Sandi Blackwell
Open Studio

The Getaway Committee will work hard to make the 2023 Getaway a wonderful event to celebrate all of us getting together again and the continuance of Getaway after a two-year absence. Please take care and we will see you soon.

Barbara King, Getaway Chair

NEORQC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If your guild hasn't renewed, please do so. Be sure to include your guild's membership roster – name only. It would be most helpful if you would email the roster, as well as any Guild Contact changes, to membership@neorqconline.org.

Guild membership in NEORQC is renewed annually in January. Reminders and forms for 2022 were sent via email to all guild contacts on NEORQC membership records as of January 2021. Dues, which are \$1 per member with a \$15 minimum or \$75 maximum per guild, were payable by January 15, 2022. If a guild does not have an e-mail address, a hard copy registration form was sent to the guild contact on file.



2022 QUILT SHOWS AS OF JAN. 17

APRIL

Lake Farmpark 30th Annual Quilt Show *Quilts 2022*

April 1 - May 1

Open Tuesday through Sunday

9:00am – 5:00pm

Quilt Vendor Event Apr. 29-May 1

Farmpark admission applies

See the show booklet under the Events tab

at www.lakemetroparks.com

JULY

United Quilt Guild *Quilts in the Garden*

Quilts, vendors, judges, prizes, refreshments

Dates: July 14, 15, 16 – 10:00am – 5:00pm

Location: Salem CenterPlex

1028 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Salem, OH 44460

Admission: \$6.00/day or 3-day pass \$10.00

www.unitedquiltguild.org

OCTOBER

Common Threads Guild *Creative Journeys*

Date: October 21 & 22

For updates:

www.commonthreadsparma.org



NEORQC GETAWAY - 2023

Escaping to NEORQC 2023

February 17-19, 2023

Holiday Inn Boardman