



## North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council

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### 2021-2023 Board

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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Hi Everyone!

I hope you are enjoying the summer. It sure has been hot. I know a lot of you like it hot, but I wish it was a little bit cooler.

Our next meeting is October 1. Details are on page 2. I hope to see you there!

Are you shop hopping and getting your Shop Hop Card filled up? October is the last meeting for the shop hop cards that expired in 2021. Bring your completed cards for the drawing. The new card will be posted on the website after October's meeting.

Bring your Challenge project to the meeting. Prizes will be awarded after the attendees vote for their favorites.

Grant submissions are due September 1. The application is on the webpage: [www.neorqconline.org](http://www.neorqconline.org).

As it has been a while since we last met, there should be lots of show and tell. Be sure to bring what you have been working on so we can “ooh” and “aww” over them.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in October!

Stay safe and healthy!

Happy quilting,

Janis Hittle  
NEORQC President

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## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL MEETING**



**Host: Ohio Star Quilt Guild**  
**Place: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall**  
**618 Ohio Avenue, McDonald, OH 44437**  
**Time: 10:00am**  
**Lunch: Please feel free to bring a bag lunch.**

**Parking:** The parking lot is behind the church, with access from Ohio Avenue and also from Indiana Avenue, behind the church.

**Note:** McDonald is a small town located in between Youngstown and Warren. It has one main street traveling north and south. The church is located on the main street, across the street from the Methodist Church.



### **Guest Speaker: BRENDA DEVENPORT**

Brenda will present a selection of her vintage sewing machine collection – which numbers 200+. She will also show slides so that all participants can appreciate the unique pieces.

## **EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM**

**It's Not Too Late!**

**2022 Grant Applications are due by September 1<sup>st</sup> and will be awarded at the October General Meeting**

Share your love of quilting with the next generation or even an adult group. NEORQC educational grants will help fund your efforts. Proposals are due September 1st. Application form: <https://www.neorqconline.org/5918-2/>. Questions? Contact Cathy Parker, Grant Chair. 330-703-8354 or [cathyquilts@gmail.com](mailto:cathyquilts@gmail.com)

### **2021 Grant - Learning to Quilt for Charity**

*Sew4Service*, founded by Lucy Kulbago, was the only organization that implemented a program in 2021-2022 with the aid of a NEORQC Education Grant. Elementary students at Gesu Catholic Elementary School in University Heights learned basic sewing and quilting skills in order to make quilts which were donated to charity. Lucy will be at the Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to share their story.

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.

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## CHALLENGE - 2022

### My Great Escape, Making it Personal

How did you escape the pandemic?  
Bring your finished Challenge project to the October general meeting.  
Voting will take place in 3 categories: Large/Lap Quilts, Wall Hangings and Misc. (e.g. bags, wearables). Winners will receive a cash prize.  
The 2023 Challenge theme will be announced at the meeting.

### QUILT SHOW

Common Threads Guild  
*Creative Journeys*

Date: October 21 & 22

For updates:

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



### NEORQC GETAWAY - 2023

*Escaping to NEORQC 2023*

February 17-19, 2023

Holiday Inn Boardman

Registration opens September 1.

Classes will be posted on the website:

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

### Get to know this Shop Member:

#### *The Quilting Bea*

1213 3rd St NW, Massillon, OH 44647



***"If I were 10 years younger...well, you're not dead yet...let's do it!"***

**And, so the shop began:** December 2019, in the middle of the pandemic, Judy showed her daughter Amanda her latest completed collage project and she was lamenting the fact that her long-time local fabric source would not carry fabric. Judy said, "If I were 10 years younger, I'd open my own quilt shop." Amanda replied, "Well, you're not dead yet, so let's do it - I'll quit my job and open it with you and take care of all the systems, inventory and bookkeeping." Two weeks later they had a plan, a name and Amanda started to learn all she could about quilting. While Judy had been sewing and quilting since she was a little girl, Amanda had never sewn more than a pillowcase! *(continued - page 4)*

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**Shop Name:** The Quilting Bea is a play on the name Beatrice which encompasses the hand quilting spirit of the owners' mother/grandmother, her three sisters and their mother. Together, they represent the ancestral quilting bee; and so, Beatrice, The Quilting Bee, was named as the mascot and logo and the nickname for the shop ~ The Quilting Bea was born.

**A first-time visitor would learn** that Amanda and Judy personally curate their collection of modern, bold fabrics with deliveries arriving almost weekly. There are two sides to the shop which is a former church: 1) the lobby where the shop originally started and 2) the Sanctuary – the She Shed used for classes and Sit & Sew, six pods on the floor and a wall of fabric. Space is expansive and well-lit. Fabric is sold by the half-yard. Judy and Amanda personally cut fat quarters for each bolt in the shop – more than 730 and counting – to accommodate smaller fabric requirements. Everything in the shop can be purchased online – purchases are shipped within 24 hours. Customers can also choose Local Pickup.

**Amanda and Judy think what sets them apart** is that they rarely purchase any one single collection and instead select just the most special designs. In addition to the bright, bold and unique fabrics, you'll find sweet baby, juvenile and novelty prints. You won't find polka dots, stripes, plaids, solids, reproduction fabrics or dull colors in the shop. They specialize in Cartonnage (French box making with fabric) and Collage Quilting classes which are offered with kits available. Occasionally the shop offers Quilting 101 and other beginning classes. The She Shed can be reserved for meetings or group Sit & Sew sessions. The Shed can accommodate up to 16 and food can be ordered or set up.

**Hours:** Wed, Fri & Sat: 10am – 3pm; Thurs 10am – 5pm

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**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/TheQuiltingBeaMassillonOhio/>

**Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/beatrice\\_the\\_quilting\\_bea/](https://www.instagram.com/beatrice_the_quilting_bea/)

**Website:** <https://TheQuiltingBea.com> Everything in the shop is available online.



If you are a quilt shop member and would like to be featured in the newsletter, send your request to Jean Krusinski at [cjkrusinski@gmail.com](mailto:cjkrusinski@gmail.com). We enjoy hearing about our quilt shop members. It also encourages us to visit your shop.