



# North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council

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## 2023-2025 Board

President—Barbara King  
Vice President—Margaret LaVenia  
Secretary—Catherine Peterson  
Treasurer – Mary Rose Nordquist

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Quilters,

As I begin to write my first President's message, I look out the window at a beautiful spring day. A time of new beginnings, the trees are leafing out, flowers are blooming, the weather is warm, and NEORQC has a new President. I am honored to be selected as the next President of NEORQC. To share about myself, I have been actively involved as a NEORQC Board member since 2015 when elected Treasurer. I served as Treasurer for five years (2015-2020) and as the Getaway Chair for six years (2018-2023). In relationship to many of you, I am still a young quilter, only beginning quilting in 2008. A friend and I jumped into quilting with both feet by signing up for 12 blocks of the months with five different quilt shops. I finished all those quilts and a few more that year. I never heard of a quilt guild until one teacher asked if I belonged to one and then she took me as a guest to hers. I joined the guild, Memory Makers. And like many of you, I joined a second guild, KISS. I was hooked on quilting. Then in 2015, I was asked to join the NEORQC Board. Through quilting, I have made many friends and look forward to meeting and making many more friends while in this position. Many of you may know me from a presentation at your guild regarding the quilting program within the prison system. I visited many guilds sharing information of the prison quilting program, and your guilds donated so much material, books, and supplies that enhanced the program. Through that experience I learned the quilting world is a welcoming and caring group of individuals.

I have had the pleasure to work with many individuals through my time on the NEORQC Board. The leadership of the last President, Janis Hittle, revitalized the organization and the Board worked to strengthen the organization and provide resources to the membership. This was the most smooth and effortless transition experienced during my time on the Board and the Board is very appreciative of this. As the new President, I am thankful that all the existing Committee Chairs agreed to maintain their position. This will assist in our goal of continuing to grow the organization, providing continuity, and providing further services to the membership. The Board has some new ideas for the next two years. Keep checking the webpage, the Facebook page, and the newsletter as information is posted.

One of the goals for this year is to increase the involvement of more quilt guilds on committees to provide a wider representation of our membership. If you are interested in serving on the Board, we have the following Committee Chairs available: Audit, Bylaws, and Nominating. Also, the four Regional Representatives are open. On the website is a description of the responsibilities of each of the positions. Please email me at [President@NEORQOnline.org](mailto:President@NEORQOnline.org) if you are interested in joining the Board, have any ideas and suggestions, or have any questions.

See you at the next General Meeting in June,

*Barbara*

*Barbara King  
NEORQC President*



## *A Note from Janis Hittle, Outgoing President*

As the outgoing president of NEORQC, I want to thank you for your support these past six years. When I accepted the position of President, I didn't know what to expect. There was talk of disbanding this organization, and that wasn't an option.

I enjoyed leading this group. It was easier than I anticipated as I had a great board to work with. This is a great organization and you, the members, help make it great. My main goal was to improve communication to you and that's what I did.

NEORQC is a great resource for quilters in northeast Ohio and I hope you continue to help the executive board move forward.

I wish the best for the new officers. I am not going to disappear – I will be here in the capacity of member. I hope the new and current officers know that I will be glad to help where needed.

*Janis Hittle*



Left – Janis Hittle, Outgoing President  
Right – Barbara King, President  
March 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

## *Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting*

- Host:** *That Quilt Group I Belong To*
- Place:** **Canfield United Methodist Church  
27 S. Broad St., Canfield**
- Time:** **10 a.m.**
- Breakfast:** **Continental breakfast**
- Lunch:** **Bring a brown bag lunch** to enjoy while visiting with quilters or see a list of local restaurants at the meeting.

### **Speaker: Sheila Drevna**



Shelia is a longarm quilter who started her quilting career in 2004 after suffering a serious illness that resulted in permanent and severe motor and sensory nerve damage in 2000. Through sheer determination and hard work, she has become a successful quilter, longarmer, teacher and speaker. She will present an inspirational talk about her quilting journey and the quilting tips and tricks she has developed over the years.

<https://www.longarmlove.com/> <https://www.instagram.com/longarmlove/>



For 35 years, northeast Ohio quilters, shop owners and teachers have been gathering to network, learn, share, and make friends.

The celebration of NEORQC'S 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary begins at the upcoming June 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting (see page 2). Activities are also being planned for October 2023, March 2024, and June 2024 General Meetings. Current members are urged to attend and to invite any past officers or members you know to celebrate with us at each meeting.

The concept for NEORQC was presented by Cindy Casciato of Ravenna at a Quilters Tea in Atwater in May 1988. She saw a need for quilters to get together in a “networking” format that would benefit everyone. Just think about it – the internet was in its infancy. There was no YouTube. Cell phones were just that...phones! There were not very many shops in 1988, new ideas were not getting out, and a regional quilting group didn't exist.

Following an invitation to quilting organizations throughout northeast Ohio, 32 women met at the home of Carole J. Wooten in Cleveland in August 1988 to begin planning.

NEORQC was officially organized in March 1989 when five officers were elected, and bylaws were passed. The officers were:

Chairperson	Cindy Casciato	Calico Hearts
Secretary	Carole J. Wooten	Common Threads
Treasurer	Mary Lou Hall	Ohio Star Quilters
Newsletter	Mary Huey	Erie Street Fabrics
Directory	Gayle Pritchard	Northcoast Needlers

Susan Meindl won the contest for the logo design. The logo has remained the same through the years.

Of interest: In 1996, NEORQC participated in the Cleveland Bicentennial celebration by being part of a hardbound resource book of community organizations. A copy of the book was included in a time capsule (casket) that was buried and which will be unearthed in 2096. A description of the mission, membership requirements and other information about NEORQC was printed in the book.

The Board is looking for photographs, stories, and the list of past presidents with the dates in office. If you have information or photographs to share for the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, please forward to the President at [president@neorqconline.org](mailto:president@neorqconline.org) or Newsletter Editor at [newsletter@neorqconline.org](mailto:newsletter@neorqconline.org)



## MEET THE OFFICERS



### **Margaret LaVenia – Vice President**

Member of Calico Hearts Quilt Guild & Village Piecemakers.

Margaret started quilting in 1973 for a Nursing School Pediatric Rotation project, either write a paper or make something a child would like and explain why. Since she did sewing projects in 4-H for many years, she designed an alphabet quilt. She did a few more for N&N growing up and for her daughters too. In 2012, she made a quilt for her daughter's wedding present and made more after that.

She learned by reading books, taking some classes with her Mom, and watching her Mom make a few quilts. She likes hand embroidery. Lately, Margaret likes simple quilts so that she finishes them! Her favorite blocks are pinwheels and Ohio Stars. She has started machine sewing quilt bindings as their five grandkids use the quilts she makes for them, so she wants the quilts to last.



### **Mary Rose Nordquist – Treasurer & chair of the 2024 Getaway committee.**

Member of That Quilt Group I Belong To. She started quilting in 1981 when she took a 12-week adult education class at Boardman High School. Mary Rose made a sampler quilt that was hand pieced and hand quilted. She enjoys trying new trends in quilting but still loves hand quilting. She enjoys doing almost all crafts and loves working in miniatures.



### **Catherine Peterson – Secretary**

Member of Memory Makers.

She started her involvement in NEORQC as part of the Getaway Committee in 2018. She started quilting about 10 years ago with her mother-in-law Gloria Peterson. Catherine loves piecing and is willing to try anything. She wants to try every type of quilt and loves color. She purchased a longarm and began the art of longarming. She has been creative from an early age and loves the arts as she received a degree in theatre and minor in dance from Kent State. She has worked for the corporate office of JoAnn Stores for 22 years and is active in Toastmasters.

## NEORQC EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

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.

**We currently have SIX grants in progress:** Girl Scout Council of North East Ohio, Calico Hearts Quilt Guild/Girl Scout Troop 91510, Ohio Star Quilt Guild/Kids Quilts, Sew4Service, and Tuscarawas County 4-H.

The forms for submitting grant requests are available on the NEORQC website. Applications for proposed projects must be submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup> and will be awarded in October 2023. Encourage your guild or organization to share their love of quilting and take advantage of this program! Questions? Contact Cathy Parker, Grant Chair. 330-703-8354 or [cathyquilts@gmail.com](mailto:cathyquilts@gmail.com).

## NEORQC 2023 Getaway Wrap-Up

After a two-year hiatus, the 2023 NEORQC Getaway, “Escape to NEORQC Getaway 23,” was held Feb. 17-19 in Boardman. All participants were happy to be back and share in this quilting event. Old friends got together again, and new friendships were made. As you looked around the classrooms, smiles and laughter were shared along with helpful assistance on projects.

The Getaway was another success through the planning of the Getaway Committee: Gloria Peterson, Mary Rose Norquist, Nonie McDevitt, Pam Workman, Catherine Peterson, Gloria Peterson, Sherri DiBacco, Ginny Draa, Susan Straub, and Barbara King. The event included four classes: Exploding Hearts with Laura Nollelli, Exploding Stars with Sandi Blackwell, A Summer Topiary with Ginger Mangie, Jelly Roll Jewel with Cathy Parker, and Open Sew. One class was canceled due to a teacher’s family emergency. Two vendors, Pomegranate Place and Village Quilts, were present to provide any needed supplies and an event shopping experience. There were 98 attendees representing 22 guilds.

There was show ‘n tell from the previous Getaway in 2020 as well as projects from home. It is always amazing to see the beautiful projects that are shared. There is so much talent in our organization. The Committee surprised the attendees with numerous gifts throughout the event, with many of the gifts being made by the Committee. Door prizes were given out at each meal and each participant received at least one. Presentations were made to Calico Hearts for the most guild members present (16) and That Quilt Guild I Belong To with the highest percentage of guild members present (36%). The Committee thanks all participants that completed an evaluation which will be considered when planning the 2024 Getaway.

*Barbara King, 2023 Getaway Chair*



Finished top.  
Jelly Roll  
Jewel class.



Show & Tell

## NEORQC 2024 Getaway - Save the Date

Mark your calendar for February 2-4, 2024, for the next NEORQC Getaway. The event is earlier in February due to a scheduling conflict. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn in Boardman. If you have any questions, you can contact the new Getaway Chair, Mary Rose Nordquist, or Gloria Peterson, Registrar. Contact emails are on the website. Registration will open September 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch for updates through this newsletter, the webpage, and Facebook.



## The NEORQC Never Ending Shop Hop is back in full force!

Now is the time to participate in the NEORQC Never Ending Shop Hop! You can download and print the NEORQC shop hop card from [www.neorqconline.com](http://www.neorqconline.com) under the “Shop Hop” tab. Visit six different shops and ask each shop to initial or stamp the back of the card. Bring your card to the next NEORQC General Meeting for a chance to win a gift certificate to one of our member quilt shops.

## Guilds with their beautiful raffle quilts at the recent Akron Sewing & Quilting Expo

Lorain County Piecemakers



North Coast Needlers



Common Threads



Were you able to attend the Akron Sewing and Quilting Expo April 13-15? The event had NEORQC representation from member guilds and quilt shops. The quilt guilds pictured here had booths with beautiful raffle quilts and friendly members with whom to chat and buy raffle tickets.

Member quilt shops exhibiting included Pins and Needles, Barnes Sewing Center, Imagine That & More, Applique Quilts and More, and Sew Déjà Vu, as well as other local quilt shops.

The Quilts of Valor, which includes members of NEORQC, had a booth with displays of quilts and had the opportunity for individuals to make a quilt block.

The quilts on display at the Expo were beautiful and some even thought-provoking. The Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) quilts represented the themes of *Haven* (what is your haven that represents a safe place to heal, regroup, or retreat) and *Beyond the Mirror* (what do you see in the mirror and what we need to look beyond our mirror to see).

Quilts from fiber artists celebrated our nation's capital, *Inspired by the National Capital*, to acknowledge key places and events in the Washington, DC area. Also displayed were quilts from the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo's first quilt contest in 2022.

## Upcoming Quilt Shows in 2023

### **The Northeast Ohio Quilt Show**

Juried quilts by Wooster Tree City Quilters Guild, 40+ quality vendors,  
TCQG Boutique – raffle quilt + handmade items

Dates: July 20-23

Thurs. – Fri. 9am - 6pm / Sat. 9am - 4pm

Location: Wayne County Fair Event Center

199 Vanover St., Wooster, OH 44691

Free admission & parking

[NE Ohio Show Info | A Quilter's Destination \(aquiltersdestination.com\)](#)

### **Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild Reception**

Refreshments, vendor mall, Chinese auction

Date: Sept. 8, 7pm-9pm

Location: Willoughby Hills Community Center

35400 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Info: Linda Sacerich, 440-585-0486 or rgang4us@aol.com

### **Lorain County Piecemakers**

#### **2023 Quilt Show**

Quilts, vendors, raffles and more!

Dates: Fri., Sept. 15 10am-5pm

Sat., Sept. 16 10am-5pm

Sun., Sept. 17 10am-4pm

Location: Russia Township Lodge

46300 Butternut Ridge Road

Oberlin, Ohio 44074

Free parking! Admission \$5.00

Contact person/questions: Chris Yoo

[LorainCountyPiecemakers@gmail.com](mailto:LorainCountyPiecemakers@gmail.com)

#### **Quilt Show Not Listed ???**

If your guild is hosting a quilt show after Sept. 1, 2023, please send the details to the Newsletter Editor at [newsletter@neorqconline.org](mailto:newsletter@neorqconline.org). Your show will be added to this list in the next newsletter.

### **North Coast Needlers**

#### **"Autumn Splendor" Quilt Show**

Quilts – Vendors – Raffle Quilt – Boutique

Sat., Oct. 21 10am-5pm

Sun., Oct. 22 11am-4pm

Location: Don Umerley Civic Center

21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116

Free Parking – Handicap Accessible

Admission: \$5.00

Questions? [NCNquiltshows@gmail.com](mailto:NCNquiltshows@gmail.com)

### **Old Uniontown Quilt Guild**

33<sup>rd</sup> Quilt Show

Dates: Oct. 27 & 28

Ashland County Fairgrounds

2042 Claremont Ave.

Ashland, OH 44805

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