



# North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Quilters,

Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that we have turned the page on the calendar to another year. The last one passed by so fast. As I sit under a quilt and write this note, it is only eight degrees outside and windy. Mother Nature finally decided to let us know it is winter. Individuals can see the transition from one season also as a metaphor for letting go of what holds us back, opening up for doing other things, and refreshing and growing what works. This fits me as the calendar changed to 2024. I have finally retired (from my second/third career) and my husband retired. Now it is time for me to let go of all those things that kept me from finishing all those quilting projects sitting in boxes in my sewing room. It is time to open those project boxes and complete one quilt right after the other, and maybe refreshing those projects with new techniques or fabrics I have obtained since that project was put on the shelf. That is my New Year's Resolution to complete all those UFOs. Not to hurry time, however, I will be ready for spring to plant my flower beds that have been neglected for the last year. Hopefully 2024 brings you a new outlook for the year, peace, and good health.

There are so many events coming up. The Getaway Committee has been working hard and busy planning the 2024 Getaway, Quilters are Timeless. We hope you are going to join us for this week-end of quilting. There are seven classes and an open sew. There are a few spaces open. The Sew Happy Carnation Quilters are hosting their 22nd Carnation Luncheon. This is always a fun event with a speaker, luncheon, and raffle baskets. And do not forget to mark your calendar for the next NEORQC General Meeting March 2nd. Information on all these events is detailed within the newsletter.

At the March meeting, there will be elections for Vice President and Treasurer. If you or someone you know is interested in running for one of the positions, please contact a Board Member. As noted before, we are also trying to fill the Audit, Bylaws, and Nominating Committee Chairs. 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.

Remember to keep checking the NEORQC Facebook page and website for all events and updates. The Board is working with Memory Makers Quilt Guild on the June General meeting to make it a special event for the last celebration of our 35th Anniversary. Please look for updates as they are posted.

Hope to see you at the March meeting.

Happy Quilting,

*Barbara*  
Barbara King  
NEORQC President

**NEORQC Board**  
President—Barbara King  
Vice President—Margaret LaVenía  
Secretary—Catherine Peterson  
Treasurer—Mary Rose Nordquist



## Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, General Meeting

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** St. John's Lutheran Church  
1900 Wales Road NE (Rt. 241), Massillon, OH

**Host:** Quilting Stars of Ohio Guild

**Speaker:** Melissa Seifert

Melissa will speak about *Quilts of Honor*. She is a Veteran as well as works with veterans.



NOTE: The host guild will have snacks and raffle/opportunity baskets available.

## NEORQC Education Grant Recipients for 2024

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 in the community. We especially encourage projects that introduce youth to sewing and quilting. This money is to be used for supplies for the planned education/teaching of quilting to children, adults, scouts, 4-H, and other community organizations. We funded five grants this year – from November, 2023 – October, 2024.

- Sew for Service - Learn to Quilt at Malachi Center - \$500.00
- Calico Hearts with Girl Scout Troop 90110 - Sewing Fundamentals - \$350.00
- Girl Scout Troop 91278 - Sewing Scrunchies Headbands for Cancer Patients - \$350.00
- Ohio Star Quilters - Kids Quilt - \$500.00
- Tuscarawas County 4-H Program - Tuscarawas County 4H Quilt Day - \$250.00

If you have any questions, contact Cathy Parker, Grant Chair. 330-703-8354 or [cathyquilts@gmail.com](mailto:cathyquilts@gmail.com).

## 2024 Challenge - Zebra with a Kick!

This year's challenge is a project within one of three categories: a quilt of any size, wall hanging, and miscellaneous. The project must be black and white with a *kick* of one additional color.

The challenge projects will be revealed at the October 5, 2024 general meeting. Prizes will be awarded for winners per category based on members' votes.

It is never too early to start your challenge. For questions, contact Janice Brown at [yarnmom463@gmail.com](mailto:yarnmom463@gmail.com).



## *NEORQC Getaway 2024- Quilters are Timeless*

The annual Getaway is February 2-4, 2024 at the Holiday inn in Boardman, Ohio. The event has expanded to seven classes and an open studio. The teachers are Cathy Parker, Debbie Shives, Nonie McDevitt, Laura Nolletti, Ginger Mangie, Mary Bernower, and Elizabeth Bauman. Three teachers are new to the event. We thank Mary Bernower for coming out of retirement to teach Machine Quilting at the event. The Getaway Committee has been working hard to make this another wonderful event. Thank you Committee for your hard work and dedication. *What happens in Boardman stays in Boardman!*

Follow up and photos in the next newsletter...maybe.

# October 7, 2023, General Meeting - Pictorial Review

## Honored Guests/Speakers:

**Cindy Casciato & Carole J. Wooten, Founders & Past Presidents**



Cindy and Carole shared how NEORQC was founded. It started as a network for quilters 35 years ago before the internet and all the current quilt shops and classes available to us today. They created a quilting network that has grown over the 35 years. Thank you to Cindy and Carole for being forward thinkers and starting this organization we know and enjoy today.

## 2023 Challenge – Scavenger Hunt

Lucy Kulbago, Maker



Sue Straub – Maker



Elaine Peck – Maker



## 2023 Grant Recipient Displays

The recipients presented their completed projects to the membership. It was wonderful to see all the projects completed to promote quilting and sewing in the community.



Tuscarawas County 4-H Quilt Day



Ohio Star Guild – Kids Quilt



Calico Hearts – Girl Scouts

## 2023 Grant Recipient Displays - Continued

Girl Scouts of NE Ohio – hosted by Quilters with Heart and Memory Makers Guilds



Shoulder cross over bags and rag quilt blocks were made by the Girls Scouts over for sewing sessions about five hours long with Memory Makers and Quilters with Heart. The sessions taught the girl scouts basic quilting basics, how to use a sewing machine. Two quilts were made by volunteers with the practice pieces the girl scouts made to familiarize themselves with the machines. These quilts were donated to the NE Ohio Girl Scout Council.



Presented by (left) Cathy Parker, MM; Girl Scout representatives Sarah Nolan and John Graves; Jane Korsberg, QWH; Julie Hedges, MM; Ann Vainer, WQH.

An article published in the NE Ohio Girl Scout Council newsletter:

*"On Pins and Needles"*

*I know I usually only list events that I appear at in this newsletter but I had to make an exception for the Northeast Ohio Regional Quilt Council (NEORQC) because I couldn't go, but staff members Sarah Nolan and John Graves stood in for me to thank this wonderful group. NEORQC created two programs and ran two sessions each where girls spent roughly five hours learning about quilting basics. Each participant learned how to use a sewing machine, became familiar with quilting terms such as piecing and basting, and were able to walk away with their own creations. They were able to produce these beautiful quilts that NEORQC donated to our council. It is so wonderful that our girls get to try a wide range of activities and figures out what they might to pursue as a life-long passion. I know Girl Scouts introduced me to sewing, watercraft, campfire cooking, cross country skiing, and many other things that I pursued into adulthood. Groups like this one enrich the fabric of our community in so many ways and share their passion with our girls. Thank you!*

This article shared by the NE Ohio Girl Scout Council is a great testimony of what NEORQC represents with our goal of promoting the fine art of quilting and raising the public awareness of the art form.

Show & Tell



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**NOTE:** We hope we have not missed anyone who shared their work.

***Please join us at a General Meeting to show the membership your finished projects at Show & Tell. Each participant is provided a drawing ticket for prizes!***



Thank you to our October host – NEORQC Executive Board – for the pretty fall decorations and delicious refreshments!



**See you at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting!!!**