



North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Quilters,

It is hard to believe that I am starting my second year as the President. We are lucky and appreciate that Vice President Margaret, and Treasurer Mary Rose agreed to serve another term. Their second term started at the March General meeting. For those of you that do not see the behind the scenes working of the Board, I want to share this is the most functional and positive Board of any board I have served on through my career and social obligations. The working relationship of the Board is so positive and always looking for ways to strengthen NEORQC. I thank the Board for that, it makes planning and decision making easy.

The June General Meeting is going to be a special one. NEORQC's first meeting was a tea party. To honor that as we end our 35th anniversary year, the June meeting will be a formal tea party. The meeting is being hosted by Memory Makers and the NEORQC Board, and all are working hard to make this an exciting and fun meeting. There will be a very short business meeting that will include the review and approval of next year's budget and the announcement of the potential 2025 classes for the Getaway. The teachers were asked to show the class projects at this meeting as a kick-off of the 2025 Getaway. The meeting information is provided in the newsletter and on the website. Come with those fancy hats and smiles to enjoy the tea party. The doors will open at 9:30 am.

The Getaway Committee is busy already working on the 2025 Getaway. The venue had to be changed, which also caused a date change. Please save the date for February 14-16, 2025. More information will be forwarded including the venue and location.

We hope to see you in June.

Happy Quilting,

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Barbara King
NEORQC President

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



*Saturday, June 1st
General Meeting &
35th Anniversary Tea Party*

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Place: **Kent United Methodist Church**
1435 E Main St, Kent, OH
*Park behind the church.
Enter through the double doors.*

Host: **Memory Makers Quilt Guild**

Agenda: **Short business meeting**
Tea Party – Dress for the occasion with a lovely hat or fascinator. Feel free to bring your favorite tea cup.

RSVP Requested: To ensure a delightful party for all, please reply with your intent to attend.

1. Those with a gmail account should reply here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMsgimTZfvHUyLkq04vCThrm6u4fTMQoS9aRAZfYbb5fGiw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMsgimTZfvHUyLkq04vCThrm6u4fTMQoS9aRAZfYbb5fGiw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link)
2. Those with an email address other than Google gmail should reply directly to cathyquilts@gmail.com with your name, guild and how many attending. You can also reply as an individual with your name and guild.



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NEORQC Education Grants - You Can Spread the Love of Quilting

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 for November, 2023 – October, 2024: Sew for Service, Calico Hearts with Girl Scout Troop 90110, Girl Scout Troop 91278, Ohio Star Quilters - Kids Quilt, Tuscarawas County 4-H Quilt Day.

Please consider applying for a 2024-2025 grant to spread the love of quilts and quilting to your community. Applications – online at www.neorqconline.com – are due by September 1, 2024 and will be awarded in October, 2024. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Parker, Grant Chair. 330-703-8354 or 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.



The NEORQC Never Ending Shop Hop

Visit 6 shops, enter to win a gift certificate on March 2nd.

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 under the “Shop Hop” tab. Visit six different shops and ask each shop to initial stamp the back of the card. Bring your card to the June 1st General Meeting for a chance to win a gift certificate to one of our member quilt shops.



Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events in 2024

AQM XX

Artist as Quiltmaker
FAVA's 20th Biennial
Contemporary Quilt Exhibition
May 11- July 7
39 S. Main St.
Oberlin, OH 44074

United Quilt Guild

Our Material World Quilt Show

July 18 – 20, 2024
Center Plex
1028 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem
Vendors, dream baskets, prizes, food, two quilt raffles.
Selected charity: Sleep in Heavenly Peace

AQS QuiltWeek

August 21-24, 2024
Grand Rapids, MI
Hundreds of quilts on display,
a range of classes, and
a huge vendor marketplace
<https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/grand-rapids-2024/>

Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild

Show & Reception

Willoughby Hills Community Center
35400 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills
Friday, Sept. 6, 2024
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Stan Hywet 2024 Textile Arts & Artisan's Show

Oct. 3 – 6, 2024
714 N Portage Path, Akron
Represented are weavers, spinners, lacemakers, quilters and embroiderers from the region. The show runs concurrently with Ohio Mart.

Streetsboro Quilt Guild Annual Show

October 4 & 5
Streetsboro Faith Baptist Church
Facebook: Streetsboro Quilt Guild

Old Uniontown Quilt Guild Annual Show *Pieces & Parts from our Hearts*

Friday, October 25th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, October 26th 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ashland County Fairgrounds – Mozelle Hall
Wide variety of quilts and wall hangings, sewing machine raffle and vendors.
Admission: \$5.00; 12 and under free
See more details on their website after June 1st.
www.olduniontownquiltguild.com

Wildwood Quilters Guild Quilt Show

November 3; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Lake County Fair Ground Community Center
1301 Mentor Ave., Painesville, OH
Member quilt display, vendors,
gift boutique, raffle baskets, raffle quilt
Admission: \$8.00; 10 & under, free

Mark your calendar for future NEORQC General Meetings

October 5, 2024 – looking for a host guild
March 1, 2025 – looking for a host guild
June 7, 2025 – looking for a host guild
October 4, 2025 – looking for a host guild

NEORQC Getaway 2024- *Quilters are Timeless*

NEORQC President Barbara King is happy to report on another successful Getaway in February, accomplished through all the hard productive work of the Getaway Committee. The event included classroom instruction with fellowship and friendship of all the quilters. Individuals were excited to begin their classes and see Getaway friends and make new ones.

This year there were 110 attendees representing 20 guilds. The number of classes expanded to seven plus an open sew studio. The Olive Grace Studio and The Quilting Block were the vendors on-site that offered anything someone could ask for. It's always nice to have a quilting shop so available when you realize you needed (or just wanted) another piece of fabric, a needle to replace that broken one, and new projects to take home.

The Getaway Committee surprised the attendees with homemade gifts at every meal along with gifts from NEORQC. Door prize drawings were held at each meal distributing the wonderful gifts donated by local quilt shops and other businesses. Pins and Needles donated a sewing machine that was raffled with the funds raised added to the NEORQC grant fund.

There was show-and-tell of projects finished from the 2023 Getaway and another of projects from home. There was a door hanger challenge representing the individual as a quilter, the vote of the attendees selected Pam Workman as the winner. As one walked through the classrooms, sewing machines were busy and projects flourished as the weekend went on. The attendees and teachers showed their finished projects during the luncheon on Sunday.

The attendees' evaluations were very positive, including "just loved the goody gifts at the table and liked the casual atmosphere," "I thought the committee did a fabulous job. I enjoyed myself immensely and was blown away by the favors. I was amazed how flawless the event was," and "it was the first time I took a class and so happy I did." The Getaway Committee appreciated all the positive feedback and suggestions. The committee takes all those comments, positive and negative, to improve on the next Getaway.

If you have not attended a Getaway, please consider joining us February 14-16, 2025 to share in the fun and the quilting friendship shared at this annual event.



Following this year's theme of "Quilters Are Timeless," each dining table centerpiece was handcrafted to represent the different decades of quilters throughout time. These beautiful one-of-a-kind centerpieces were made by Mary Rose Nordquist and Carolyn Artie. The miniature quilts were provided by Nonie McDevitt.



Grand Prize Winner of a paid registration for Getaway 2025 was Karen Verner, member of Always in Pieces guild. Presented by NEOQC President, Barbara King.



Winner for having the highest percentage of guild members in attendance was That Quilt Guild I Belong To (TQGIBT). The guild also was the winner for having the largest attendance of individual members present at the Getaway. The certificates were presented by the NEOQC President Barbara King to TQGIBT member, Carolyn Artie, who accepted them on behalf of the



Elaine Peck, member of Firehouse Quilters, was the Sewing Machine Raffle winner of a Baby Lock Zest Model BL15B donated by Pins and Needles.
Thank you Jan Brostek!



Pam Workman, member of Memory Makers, was the 2024 Doorhanger Challenge winner – voted by attendees.

Just a few of the Show & Tell Quilts shared - there are many photos on Facebook: NEORQC—North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council



You can bring a smile to the finder of a Quilted Heart!

Sewing quilted hearts for others to find can be a personal project or perhaps a project for a guild. Note: there is no pattern for the hearts, just make them about the size of the palm of your hand. There is a tag for you to download and print to attach to your heart. Or, at least the words you must use.

[How the Project Began – I Found A Quilted Heart](#) “In January, 2014, the most random thing happened while vacationing in Nevada. The Three Sisters and our husbands took a day trip to Valley of Fire State Park. While hiking, we found a heart near a cave in the middle of nowhere. There was nothing to identify the maker or what to do with it, just a tag that said, ‘I need a home.’”

Would you like to create handmade quilted hearts to participate in this project? IFAQH is all about the finder. The makers of the hearts remain anonymous. Hearts are made of fabric, generally the size of your palm, and can be any shape of heart you choose. Most have a layer of batting or fiberfill and you can embellish with buttons, sequins, ribbon, etc. Have fun with your creative process!”

The Stories [Hearts – I Found A Quilted Heart](#)

[I Found A Quilted Heart – #IFAQH](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/IFoundAQuiltedHeart/>

[I Found A Quilted Heart \(@ifoundaquiltedheart\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Screen print from Instagram



“Examples of good places to sow hearts: A local park, hiking trail, highway rest stop, community center, outdoor shopping center, town square, foyer of public place, community bulletin board, beach, nature trail, tourist attraction, trees, bushes and fences in downtown areas, etc. Be imaginative and creative when looking for just the right public place to sow a heart and have fun!”
Note: there is a list of places to not leave hearts on their website under the Participating tab.

See you at the June 1st 35th Anniversary Tea Party!

