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NEORQC Board

President—Barbara King
Vice President—Margaret LaVenia
Secretary—Linda Roberto
Treasurer—Mary Rose Nordquist

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Quilters,

Happy Spring to you. As I begin this message, I chuckle to myself that I always start off with the changing of seasons. But then again, the newsletter always comes out as the seasons are changing in Ohio. Spring flowers are blooming, there are snow flurries one day and a warm sunny day the next. As I question or curse the daily changing weather, I must remind myself I have chosen to live in Ohio, a fickle weather state. My Aunt is visiting from the high desert in California and she is complaining about the humidity. I just laugh and tell her to come back in August. She is astonished by the amount of rain during storms and how we drive in this rain. Welcome to the spring showers in Ohio. At least we are lucky and do not have to worry about devastating earthquakes, wild forest fires, and burning bare feet on the cement when it is 113 degrees. I had that experience at her house when walking to her pool. In comparison, I will take a snow shower or two in the spring and curling up under a quilt.

At NEORQC's last General meeting in March, we held elections for President and Secretary. I want thank the membership for supporting me for another two-year term as President. I look forward to serving all of you and this organization to continue the growth in our organization. I am always open to new ideas and suggestions, so please share any ideas or suggestions with me or the Board. Linda Roberto, the previous Membership Chair, was elected as Secretary. We are happy and lucky to have her take on this position. Linda has served as the Membership Chair and a part of the Getaway Committee for numerous years. She has always been a dedicated member of the Board and her contributions make us a stronger Board and organization. And for those of you that attend the Getaway, she is the one that has made those wonderful fabric bags each year for table prizes. We welcome a new Membership Chair to the Board, Carolyn Brown. Carolyn is with the Western Reserve Quilt Guild. We thank Carolyn for volunteering for this position and joining the Board. With Carolyn's addition to the Board, another guild is represented on the Board, Western Reserve Quilt Guild. Please support Carolyn in her new role.

The Getaway Committee is busy again at planning the 2026 Getaway, "Quilters Still Play with Blocks." Mark your calendars for February 20-22, 2026. At the June meeting the proposed classes will be shared, as well as, the new location. Remember to follow the NEORQC's Facebook page and website for updates on the Getaway, quilt shows, and any other activities sponsored by our membership.

One of the Board's goals is to increase the involvement of more quilt guilds on the Board and committees as 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. On the website there is a description of the responsibilities of each of the positions. Please email me at President@NEORQCOnline.org if you are interested in joining the Board, have any ideas, suggestions, or have any questions.

On a more personal note, I want to thank all of you for the kind notes and support you have provided me during my father's illness and then upon his death. Thank you for the kindness you have shared. See you at the next General Meeting in June.

Barbara
Barbara King
NEORQC President



Saturday, June 7th General Meeting

Time: Doors open at 9:45 am

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall
Mogadore, OH 44260
2697 Waterloo Road
(next to Saint Joseph church)
Parking is in the front of building

Host: Country Piecemakers Guild

Ohio has some of the highest rates of sex trafficking due to its intersections of major interstate highways!!! The Safe Harbor organization *provides a safe place for rescued (previously) trafficked women of many ages*. Country Piecemakers Guild supports the work of Safe Harbor through donations of member-made quilts.



Safe Harbor
Ohio

Speaker: Melissa Brown



Melissa first heard about sex trafficking in 2013 when she attended a conference in Atlanta, Georgia, which was designed to connect and empower an emerging generation of leaders to be changemakers. The woman on stage began to talk about how each person represented someone who would be trafficked in the city that day. She talked about girls who were being sold as a commodity. Melissa was shocked and her heart was instantly broken. She began to ask herself... *How could this happen? How could the innocence of children be stolen and sold to make money?*

Upon returning to Ohio, Melissa began to investigate human trafficking. Asking... *Does it happen in Ohio? If so, where does it happen? Who are the good guys fighting this?* The answer was, yes, it happens in Ohio, and it happens in plain sight. Ohio currently ranks #5 in reported cases of human trafficking. Melissa researched organizations in her local community that work to eliminate sex trafficking, to educate the community, and to assist survivors. She began to volunteer in organizations that are making a difference. She has mentored two survivors and currently sits on the Stark County Juvenile Human Trafficking Task Force. Even so, there is much to be done!

Melissa lives by the belief that she has been placed on earth *for such a time as this* to help make an impact in this fight against evil. She knows that God has blessed her with a voice to speak up and fight for those who cannot speak for themselves.

"May my legacy not be what I have done, but rather whom I have served." – Melissa Brown

Review: 2025 NEORQC Getaway - "Quilting Makes Life Bearable"



Bear centerpieces handmade by Mary Rose Nordquist and Carolyn Artle.

See photos of winners on page 6 of this newsletter.

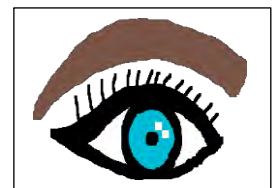
NEORQC had another successful Getaway in February accomplished through all the hard and creative work of the Getaway Committee, support from the registered attendees, local quilt shops, teachers, and vendors. The event began on Friday morning with registration and classroom set-up. Individuals were excited to see the new venue, Holiday Inn Canton and see Getaway friends new and old. Classes began in the afternoon followed by the opening night dinner.

This year there were 125 attendees representing 27 guilds. There were six classes plus an open sew studio. The classes were Machine Quilting with Mary Bernower; Costa Maya with Carolyn Artle; Curvy Log Cabin with K.C. Howell; Vintage Compass with Laura Nolletti; Red Onion with Cathy Parker, and Rec-Spect Yourself with Debbie Shives. The event had two new teachers this year. Image That and More and Sew Deja Vue were the vendors on-site that offered anything a quilter could need and more. It's always nice to have a quilting shop just outside your classroom door when you realize you needed (or just wanted) another piece of fabric, a needle to replace that broken one, and something new to add to your project pile at home.

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2025 Challenge - "EYE" Spy

Your "EYE" Spy challenge quilt or miscellaneous item must include an eye... somewhere. You are encouraged to hide the eye. The three categories will remain the same: small quilt, large quilt and miscellaneous. The challenge projects are due at the October 4th General Meeting.



The NEORQC Never Ending Shop Hop

Visit 6 shops, enter to win a gift certificate on June 7th.

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 or stamp the back of the card. Bring your card to the June 7th General Meeting for a chance to win a gift certificate to one of our member quilt shops.



NEORQC Education Grants - Your Guild can Spread the Love of Quilting

As a 501(C)(3) non-profit, NEORQC is required to donate funds to benefit our communities. To meet that objective, the NEORQC Education Grant is offered to provide from \$100 to \$500 to organizations or guilds teaching the fine art of quilting and raising public awareness by reaching out in the communities of NE Ohio.

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.

Application forms for 2025-2026 grants are now available on the website: www.neorqconline.org. Be sure to apply for a grant no later than September 1, 2025. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Parker, Grant Chair. 330-703-8354 or cathyquilts@gmail.com.

Facebook: North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council

Our Facebook group is growing. It is a great resource of information for members and guilds. If your guild has an event coming up, you can post it on the Facebook page. And, do not forget to send it to Susan Straub, our web mistress. webmaster@neorqconline.org

Remember -- please do not try to sign up a fellow guild member. Each member must request to be added and answer two questions. Once Janis verifies a membership in that guild, Facebook membership will be approved.
Janis Hittle, Facebook Coordinator

Welcome to NEORQConline.org - our official website!

The Board of Directors and various committees are always encouraging involvement of our talented members via shops, teachers and guilds who would enhance the purpose of NEORQC with fresh ideas and perspectives. One of these areas is the NEORQConline.org website.

The current policy is to use the home page for current member information only, such as upcoming events, important announcements, meeting information, and promoting educational events. Event flyers can be sent to Susan Straub, Webmistress in .JPG, .PDF or Word format.

The current Webmistress does not have any formal or professional training. She is self-taught and learning as things come up. The website is hosted by Bluehost, and the website is maintained through WordPress. Each of those sites have many tutorials and support resources available.

If you are interested in working with Susan on the NEORQConline.org website, please contact Barbara King, President or Susan Straub, Webmistress. The Webmistress can be contacted at webmaster@neorqconline.org or sstrauiaap@gmail.com.

Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events in 2025

Lorain County Piecemakers Quilt Show

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 12 & 13 10am – 5pm

Sunday Sept. 14th 10am to 4pm

New Russia Township Lodge

46300 Butternut Ridge Road

Oberlin, Ohio 44074

Admission: \$5 which includes a Door Prize Ticket

Over 100 guild quilts from antique to modern

Multiple Special Exhibits and Member Challenges

Raffle quilt on display – tickets available

Lunch, desserts and beverages for purchase

Guild Country Store with great deals

Raffle baskets, vendors, door prize

Free Parking

Email Chris for more info at

LorainCountyPiecemakers@gmail.com

Website:

<https://loraincountypiecemakers.com>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/LorainCtyPiecemakers>

North Coast Needlers Quilt Show

NCN Ruby Jubilee

Saturday, October 18th 10am - 5 pm

Sunday, October 19th 11am - 4 pm

Don Umerley Civic Center

21016 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River, OH

200+ Quilts – Vendors – Raffle Baskets

Raffle Quilt – Boutique – Quilts for Sale

Admission: \$5.00 Ages 10 and under:

free

www.NorthCoastNeedlers.com

FB: "North Coast Needlers Quilt Guild"

NE Ohio Quilt Show

July 17 – 19, 2025

Wooster, Ohio

Old Uniontown Quilt Guild Annual Show

Pieces & Parts from our Hearts

Friday, October 25th 9am – 5pm

Saturday, October 26th 9am – 4pm

Ashland County Fairgrounds – Mozelle Hall

Wide variety of quilts and wall hangings,
sewing machine raffle and vendors.

Admission: \$5.00; 12 and under free

www.olduniontownquiltguild.com

2025 Getaway Review Continued...

The Getaway Committee as always 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 vendors. Pins and Needles donated a sewing machine and Creative Stitches donated a Bernina thread collection that was raffled with the funds raised added to the NEORQC grant fund.

Show-and-tell of projects finished from the 2024 Getaway was held on Friday night after dinner and another show-and tell on Saturday night of projects from home. Every Show-and-Tell participant each night was provided with a raffle ticket for a chance to win a glow ruler. The challenge this year was table runners from the five patterns provided at the previous Getaway. The attendees voted for their favorite in each of the five patterns. The winner of each pattern design won a travel iron. The attendees and teachers showed their finished projects during the Sunday luncheon.

Calico Heart Quilt Guild won both Guild Presentation Prizes, for most guild members attending (16) and the highest percentage of guild members in attendance (28%) Other guilds recognized for a high percentage of attendees were Sew Happy Carnation Quilters (27%), That Quilt Guild I Belong To (24%), Quilters with Heart (23%), and Memory Makers (21%).

Comments from the attendees' evaluations included: "This is my first Getaway. Everyone was exceptional." "Teachers were very knowledgeable and inviting to watch." "Was another fun weekend for the books! The committee does an excellent job and puts a lot of time and effort into the table center pieces and gifts on the tables." "Great experience! Already looking forward to next year." "We had a wonderful weekend. Surprised how many favors we got. I know it was a lot of work. Thank you." 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.

A special thank you again to the Getaway Committee for ensuring the event was another wonderful experience for all. Members of the 2025 Getaway Committee were Mary Rose Norquist, Chair; Gloria Peterson – Registration; Pam Workman, Linda Roberto, Catherine Peterson, Gloria Peterson, Sherri DiBacco, Susan Straub, and Barbara King.

Mark your calendars to join us for the 2026 Getaway February 20-22, 2026 to share in the fun.

Barbara King, President

Winners at the 2025 Getaway



Lea White – Grand Prize Winner
2026 Getaway Registration



Jerri Henry – winner of the Bernina Thread
Library donated by Creative Stitches



Mary Bernower – Pinwheel Picnic winner



Jani Snyder – winner of the Babylock sewing
machine donated by Pins & Needles



Janis Hittle – Calco Hearts Guild – winners of
Largest Percent of Guild in attendance and
Largest Number of Guild Members Present

Mark your calendar for future NEORQC General Meetings

October 4, 2025 – need a host guild
March 7, 2026 – need a host guild
June 6, 2026 – need a host guild
October 3, 2026 – need a host guild

Is your guild “too small to host”?

Team up with a nearby guild to jointly host a General Meeting.
NEORQC provides \$250 to help with expenses.

Lake Farmpark – Quilt 2025



Best of Show & Best Hand Quilting

165, Hawaiian Sweetheart
Judged in Applique Techniques

Teresa Walter, Amherst, OH

Quilted by: Teri Walter

I combined my love of hand applique and hand quilting when choosing this project. I love the distinct lines of two-color quilts to showcase the details of the designs. The quilt name is Ku'uipo which means “Sweetheart”. It is a Vintage Poakalani design which is well known in the Hawaiian quilting community. This quilt took me a year to quilt in a lap hoop and three months to needle turn.

Pattern: Ku'uipo by Poakalani

<https://www.lakemetroparks.com/events-activities/events/quilts-2025/>