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NEORQC Board

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello NEORQC Members,

This being the first newsletter of a new year, Happy New Year and I hope your New Year resolutions are still going well. As we look forward to 2026, we see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, and 525,600 minutes. We all need to make the most of every minute of the year. For me, after a tough year last year, I learned we may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience all of it. After years of taking care of parents, my resolution is to take care of myself and make time for myself. Of course, that includes getting back to my quilting room and longarm. So far, it has been going well after a sit and sew with my guild at Polka Dot Pin Cushion (what a great sewing space) and scheduled for three quilting events already. One of those is the NEORQC Getaway. I hope I see you there.

The next General Meeting is March 7th. We are still looking for nominees for the Vice President and Treasurer. Both officers have served their full terms, and these positions will be voted on at the meeting. The Board will miss Margaret LaVenía and Mary Rose Nordquist who have been great contributors to this organization. I personally thank them for all their donated time and work provided to NEORQC. It is important to fill these positions on the Board to continue the operation of the organization. If you are interested, the position descriptions are provided on the NEORQC website for your review. Nominations can be provided/mailed to a Board Member or email past president Janis Hittle if you are interested. Janis has been kind to accept the responsibility of running the election at the meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the March meeting.

The NEORQC Board would like to thank the Loose Threads Quilt Guild for their donation of \$1,895.90 to the NEORQC grant fund. We are sorry to hear of their disbandment due to a decline in membership. We greatly appreciate them thinking of the NEORQC grant program for their donation and for the number of individuals that will be touched through this donation.

Lastly, I will miss all of you at the March meeting. Margaret, our Vice President, will chair the meeting in my absence. I have accepted an opportunity to volunteer and attend the Iditarod in Alaska and will be enjoying the ceremonial start on March 7th. As I am bundled in all my winter wear, (like the kid from the Christmas Story movie, hopefully my arms will go down) I will think of all of you. I look forward to the four weeks in Alaska and visiting a few quilt shops along the way.

Stay warm in this cold winter weather and keep quilting. See you soon.

Barbara
Barbara King
NEORQC President



Saturday, March 7th General Meeting

Time: 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Place: Ravenna VFW
6000 New Milford Road
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Host: NEORQC Executive Board
Morning refreshments



Speakers: Sue Straub & Lynda Paul
Calico Hearts Quilt Guild

Honoring the Memory of a Charter Guild Member

When Vivian Kent, charter member of Calico Hearts, passed away in 2020 she left two rooms of fabric, notions and unfinished projects. Sadly, her family did not continue her interest in quilting. Guild members were able to lovingly rescue and finish some of the partially completed quilts started by Vivian. Join us as Sue and Lynda share the story of how they were able to complete one of Vivian's treasured projects. The quilt is quite special and, as it turns out, is very appropriate for our country's 250th anniversary! Enjoy it with us at our meeting!

Agenda:

Treasurer's Report
Membership Update
Getaway Update
Committee Updates
2026 Challenge "Declaration of Independence" Display & Winners
Election of Vice President and Treasurer
Shop Hop Gift Certificate Winners
Show & Tell

NOTE: 2026 general meetings

- June 6, 2026 – Hosted by the Canton Quilters Guild
- October 3, 2026 – meeting is open for hosts.

GUILDS - TEACHERS - SHOPS

It is not too late to send in your membership forms. You need to send forms to maintain membership in NEORQC for the 2026 calendar year. All forms are available on the website: www.neorqconline.com

March 7th 2026 Challenge Reveal

Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence - July 4, 1776

In celebration and commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the challenge is a patriotic theme showcasing the colors red, white and blue. The Annual Challenge Reveal has been moved to the March General Meeting each year. We hope you are working on your challenge project to be revealed at the March 7th meeting. The three categories will remain the same: small quilt, large quilt and miscellaneous.



The NEORQC Never Ending Shop Hop

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

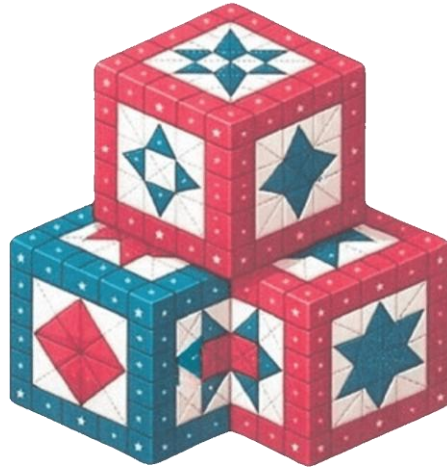
The NEORQC Education Grant is offered to provide from \$100 to \$500 to organizations or guilds teaching the fine art of quilting, raising public awareness, and outreach of quilting in the community. We especially encourage projects that introduce youth to sewing and quilting. This money is to be used for supplies for the planned education/teaching of quilting to children, adults, scouts, 4-H, and other community organizations.

NEORQC funded seven grants for November 2025 – October 2026:

1. \$500 to Girl Scouts Avon Service Unit #501
2. \$500 to 4-H Youth Development – Harrison County Extension
3. \$500 to Country Piecemakers
4. \$500 to St. Brendan Elementary School Sewing Club
5. \$400 to Cuyahoga County 4-H Sassy Stitchers
6. \$250 to Access Women's Shelter
7. \$100 to Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild for their pillowcase program only

You will see and hear about their 2025-2026 project results at the October General Meeting. The next grant applications are due September 1, 2026 with awards announced at the October General Meeting. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Parker, Grant Chair at 330-703-8354 or cathyquilts@gmail.com.

Quilters Still Play with Blocks



NEORQC Getaway
February 20-22, 2026

The annual NEORQC Getaway is just around the corner, February 20-22 at a new location, the Crown Plaza Airport in Middleburg Heights. There are five classes and open sew.

The classes are:

Jacobs Ladder with Cathy Parker

Into the Words with Elizabeth Bauman

Stellar Magic with Luann Van Deusen

Luminary with Sandi Blackwell

Double Starburst with Judy Phillips

The event opens on Friday with registration at 10:00a.m. Classes begin at 2:00 p.m. and end on Sunday with a luncheon. Three vendors will be on site for your quilting needs, scissor sharpening (\$5.00 a pair), and machine check-up and cleaning (\$25.00). We look forward to the next newsletter for photos and closing information about another successful event.



Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events in 2026

Sew Happy Carnation Quilt Guild

Lecture and Luncheon

February 14

10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Felice Dahlhausen

The Alliance Country Club

725 East Milton Street

Alliance, Ohio 44601

Click on this link for *reservations*

due Feb. 6th and more information:

<https://www.neorqconline.org/event/sew-happy-carnation-quilt-guild-lecture-and-luncheon/>

NE Ohio Quilt Show

NEW DATES AND LOCATION

July 23-25, 2026

Thurs-Sat 9am-4pm

John C. Myers Convocation Center

Ashland University

401 College Ave.

Ashland, OH 44805

Classes, lectures, gift basket raffle, vendors

Quilt exhibit by Old Uniontown Guild, co-sponsor of the event

Free admission, free parking

Valley Quilt Guild of Tuscarawas County

Valley Quilt Show

October 9th & 10th

Sacred Heart Church Parish Center

320 Fair Avenue NE

New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Admission: \$5.00

Raffle baskets and quilt, large display of quilts, bed turning,

demonstrations, boutique, Quilters Cafe

Handicap accessible.

<https://valleyquiltguild.org/>

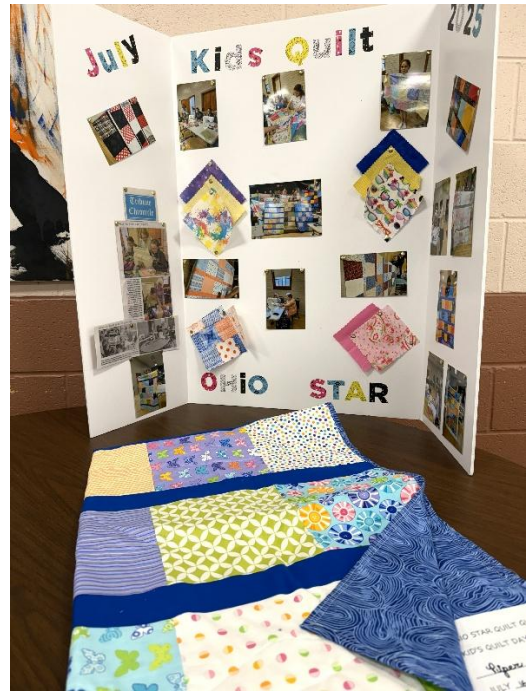
**A large part of making those
quilt pieces fit better
is to stare at them like this.....
Right before you get the seam ripper!**



American Quilt Studio

October 4th General Meeting

Grant Winner Projects



Challenge Winners—2025




Show & Tell





**Many thanks to Garretttsville Village
Piecemakers and Streetsboro Quilt Guilds for
hosting NEORQC and providing delicious
morning refreshments.**



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. Additionally, do not forget to send it to Susan Straub, our web mistress at: webmaster@neorqonline.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 membership in the named guild, Facebook membership will be approved. *Facebook Coordinator, Janis Hittle*

NEORQOnline.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 NEORQOnline.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 Webmistress Susan Straub in .JPG, .PDF or Word format.

webmaster@neorqonline.org or sstrauiaap@gmail.com

See this space for members, shops & teachers?

It is saved for an article/feature story suggested by YOU!

We are always looking for quilting tips and techniques, information, quilt-related collections and interesting quilt stories. What will you suggest for a topic?

It could be favorite quilting technique and why, helpful tips,
a unique project / community service your guild is involved with,
or a most successful workshop / guild event.

If you have a topic but do not wish to write an article, we can interview you.
Send your story idea or already-written article to Barbara King,
NEORQC president, at barbannkam@aol.com.

