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NEORQC Board

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello NEORQC Members,

As I begin to write this message, I ask myself, what has happened since our last newsletter in February. In the NEORQC world there was the Getaway in February, the March General meeting that included the election of two new officers (Vice-President and Treasurer), and the start of the 2027 Getaway planning. Spring in Ohio has started with the blooming of flowers, trees starting to green, and the snow showers that just do not want to leave us yet. Quite a bit in such a short time frame.

The Getaway Committee did another fantastic job with their execution of this annual event. So much hard work and time is given to this organization by the committee to make this event memorable each year. Again, thank you to the Committee. This year was special for me personally; we had a seven-year-old attendee, my grand-niece Aria. She worked hard all weekend to finish a quilt for her dad's birthday. I am so proud of her and happy she joined us. I can still see her hand up to me when I asked if she needed help, and she said "no, I know how." And she reminded me that I need to take my pins out before hitting the bumper (pressure foot). She is already planning for next year. You can read further about the Getaway later in the newsletter.

I want to welcome our new Vice President Gloria Sieloff and Treasurer Susan Roppel. Both are from the Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild. There are now 10 guilds represented on our Board. As we add new guilds and new faces, the Board expands with new ideas representing a greater number of our membership. Our goal is to get more guilds involved. If you are interested in participating as part of a committee or in a Chair position, please contact me or a Board member with your interest. We welcome all new faces and ideas. I cannot say it enough; the Board will miss Margaret and Mary Rose who have been great contributors to this organization. I thank them again for all their donated time and work provided to NEORQC during their time on the Board.

For me personally since the last newsletter, I attended another quilt retreat with my guild and marked an item off my bucket list, attending the Iditarod. Although marked off my bucket list, it will not be my last. Favorite musher was Matt Hall and favorite dog was Sky. It was the most amazing experience. I admit the weather was pretty cold with most days not reaching over -20 degrees. Alaska in the winter was beautiful. I visited numerous quilt shops, especially one of my favorite quilt stores, Patchwork Moose in Talkeetna. I spent the afternoon with the owner visiting and shopping. Yes, I admit, a few pension checks were spent there. The Arctic Circle was breathtaking with the northern lights. That adventure would not be complete without dropping the pants to use the outhouse at -22. Very cold!! We learned there are no plumbed bathrooms on the Dalton Highway. I cannot wait to show you my quilted treasurers once they are finished.

The next General Meeting is June 6th. I hope to see you there.

Happy quilting,

Barbara
Barbara King
NEORQC President



Sky at the Iditarod Official Start



Saturday, June 6th General Meeting

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

Place: United Methodist Church

300 9th Street NW

North Canton, Ohio 44720

Note: the entrance is at the rear of the Church.

Host: Canton Quilters Guild and Osnaburg Quilt Guild

Morning refreshments, plus salad luncheon

(bring your favorite salad to share)

Guest Speaker: Della Techau
Quilt and Thread, Canal Fulton



Keeping Your Sewing Machine in Tip Top Shape

You may not dust your home every 8-10 hours (after use) but if you want to ensure your sewing machine remains in top condition for stitching those beautiful quilts, and other sewing projects, it may need daily and weekly, maybe monthly, attention. Of course, annual servicing is a must. Della will fill you in on all the details. And, if you've ever wondered how to prepare your quilt for longarm quilting, she will provide guidance on preparation too.



Agenda:

Treasurer's Report
Guild Roll Call
Membership Update
2027 Getaway Information with classes and teachers announced
Committee Updates
Shop Hop Gift Certificate Winners
Show & Tell

NOTE: General Meetings

- October 3, 2026 – hosted by Lorain County Piecemakers at Pins and Needles
- March 6, 2027 – host guild(s) needed
- June 5, 2027 – host guild(s) needed

*If you think your guild is "too small" to host a general meeting,
get together with another nearby guild to share the hosting.
Many hands make lightwork.*



2027 Challenge

As Tina Turner sang “What’s love....”

Love (noun)

- 1) An intense feeling of deep affection
- 2) A great interest and pleasure in something
- 3) A person or thing that one loves

Think about what love means to you and what do you love.
It is a favorite memory, food, pet, color, a flower, a song....
What makes you feel love.

For the challenge, create a project that represents that LOVE.

The NEORQC Never Ending Shop Hop

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

Now is the time to participate in the NEORQC Never Ending Shop Hop! You can download and print the updated NEORQC shop hop card from www.neorqconline.com under the “Shop Hop” tab. Visit six different shops and ask each shop to initial the card. Bring your card to the June 6th General Meeting for a chance to win a gift certificate to one of our member quilt shops. Please remember to support the wonderful 23 shops that support our membership.

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.

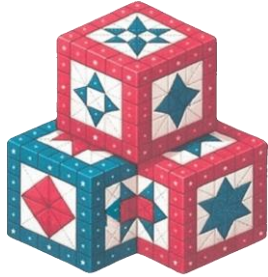
NEORQC funded seven grants for November 2025 – October 2026:

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 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

2026 Getaway Report

Another successful Getaway was accomplished through all the hard and creative work of the Getaway Committee and support from attendees, local quilt shops, teachers, and vendors. There were 111 attendees representing 24 guilds. There were five classes plus an open studio for attendees to select from. The classes were Stellar Magic with LuAnn Van Deusen, Into the Woods with Elizabeth Bauman, Double Starburst with Judy Phillips, Luminary with Sandi Blackwell, and Jacobs Ladder with Cathy Parker. There were two new teachers this year. Pomegranate Place and Pins and Needles Pins were the vendors on-site to address any quilting needs. Pins and Needles donated a Brother sewing machine to raffle to benefit the NEORQC grant program. The event began on Friday morning with registration and classroom set-up.

Classes began in the afternoon followed by the opening night dinner. At each lunch and dinner meal, the Getaway Committee surprised the attendees with homemade gifts 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. Show-and-tell of finished projects from the 2025 Getaway was held on Friday night after dinner and Saturday's show-and-tell was projects from home. For the NEORQC Getaway challenge, the attendees were challenged to make a patriotic pillow cover in celebration of the USA 250th anniversary. Attendees voted and three participants each received a Toteology Bag for receiving the highest number of votes on their pillow covers. The event concluded with Sunday's luncheon with the attendees and teachers showing their finished projects.

The Calico Heart Quilt Guild and That Quilt Guild I Belong To (TQGIBT) won for most guild members in attendance with 14 members each. The Quilters with Heart and That Quilt Guild I Belong To (TQGIBT) won the highest percentage of guild members in attendance (26%). Other guilds recognized for a high percentage of attendees were Calico Hearts (25%) and Sew Happy Carnation Quilters (24%). The guilds each received a \$25.00 award from NEORQC.

A special thank you again to the Getaway Committee for ensuring the event was another wonderful experience for all. Members of the 2026 Getaway Committee were: Mary Rose Norquist, Chair; Gloria Peterson – Registration; Pam Workman, Linda Roberto, Catherine Peterson, Sherri DiBacco, Susan Straub, and Barbara King.

Mark your calendars to join us for the 2027 Getaway February 19-21, 2027 to share in the fun. The 2027 Getaway information will be presented at the June 6th General Meeting.

SOME QUILTING FACTS....

According to the latest data, there are 22 million quilters in the U.S. and that number is growing by about 4% per year. The average age of a quilter is 63, about 65% are older than 45.

How many quilts does the average quilter make a year? The average quilter starts 11 projects a year, and finishes 9, spending six hours per week dedicated to working on quilting projects. Most projects are small, such as lap quilts, and are made in a traditional style.

Additionally (not part of above Facts), QuiltCon 2026 in Raleigh, North Carolina, drew over 29,000 attendees. Held in February, this major gathering of modern quilters also featured nearly 130 vendors and nearly 600 displayed quilts. Modern Quilters arrived from the USA, as well as several countries from around the world.

Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events in 2026

United Quilt Guild

“Quilting Traditions’ Celebrating 250 Years

June 19 10-7 & June 20 – 10-5

CenterPlex – 1028 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH
Raffles, Vendors, Marketplace, Refreshments and more

For more details: www.unitedquiltguild.org

NE Ohio Quilt Show

NEW DATES AND LOCATION

July 23-25

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

Willoughby Hills Quilt Exhibit

September 11-30

Willoughby Hills Community Center
10am – 5pm

Art Gallery Reception—Meet the Quilters

Sept. 11th – 7-9pm

Refreshments, Vendors, Chinese Auction

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/>

Lake FarmPark Quilts 2026 Winners

Best of Show: *Elemental Harmony* by Elizabeth Bauman of Lakewood, Ohio

Best Hand Quilting: *Indigo Yukata Cloth* by Carole Mooney of Willoughby, Ohio

Best Machine Quilting: *Going Round in Circles* by Janis Orlando of Wickliffe, Ohio

Judge’s Choice (Linda Miller): *‘Murica!* by David Hance of Lyndhurst, Ohio

Judge’s Choice (Stacey Koehler): *Oh Tannenbaum!* by Gretchen Willi of Westlake, Ohio

Award of Merit: *My Heart is Like a Zoo* by Linda Douglas of Granville, Ohio

2026 Getaway in Pictures

Please note: these are not all of the photos from the Getaway. More will be shared on the NEORQC website in the near future. Attend the June 6th General Meeting to hear about classes & teachers for Getaway 2027.



Mary Rose Norquist,
Getaway Chair &
Barbara King, President



Youngest Quilter – Aria
She stitched a fishing quilt for her Daddy



Kathleen



We recognize the smile!

Sister Charlotte



Special fabric from Japan deserves its own design.



Open Sew friends pranking each other annually





Pillow cover winners



Raffle prize donated by Pins & Needles



Grand prize – 2027 Getaway Registration

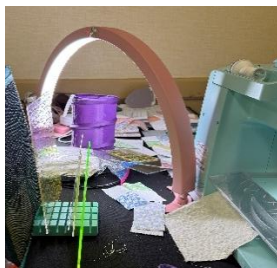


Quilters with Heart – 26% of their membership attended. Four additional guilds were recognized for attendance but we don't have photos. Sorry!



Annual head gear 😊

Extra helpful tools:



Arch light



Risers



Portable sewing machine table



Light box

Did you know there are fabric stores in Alaska???

NEORQC President Barbara King spent a month in Alaska volunteering at the Iditarod and visiting the Arctic Circle; plus, fabric shopping...of course!!!



Barb with Jesse Holmes,
the 2025 and 2026 Iditarod Winner



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