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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello NEORQC Members,

As I write this message, I am considering the best way to describe late August. Is it the gateway to fall or the last lingering days of summer? For me this year, I have found myself focusing on fall and starting to prepare for the holiday seasons. School started for the grandkids this week, which ends the summer season for them and our family. For me, it is a time for the canning and freezing of produce and fruit from the garden. We will however, sneak in a few family trips to enjoy the fall weather before that dreaded white precipitation begins. For NEORQC, this is the time of year that is busy working on the next Getaway, reviewing the submitted grant applications, and preparing for the October General Meeting. There is always something to keep our board busy.

The 2027 Getaway Committee has been dilligently working on the 2027 Getaway. Registration opens September 1st. Information is available on the website including the registration form, class descriptions, and general information. We are in a new location this year. This information is also outlined within this newsletter.

As I reflect on my term as President, which is coming to an end in March 2027, I recall an important objective. The Board and I strive to ensure long-term growth of our group, through the continuous, reliable and harmonious management developed as an organization. As shared throughout my term, this Board works hard for our membership and works exceptionally well together. There are 10 guilds now represented on the Board of Directors. In March, we have two Board positions up for election, the president and secretary. I am completing the second of my two full terms as president and look forward to working with our new president moving forward.

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NEORQC General Meeting October 3rd, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m ~ Continental breakfast will be served.

Place: Pins & Needles
7300 Pearl Road
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

Note: GPS may only recognize the address as Cleveland, not Middleburg Heights
Ample parking behind the shop

Host: Lorain County Piecemakers

Guest Speaker: LuAnne Sheffield Taylor
Member of Lorain County Piecemakers Guild



LuAnne Sheffield Taylor will share her antique quilts from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Most are from her family along with five from her husband's family. LuAnne has been making quilts (over 500 of various sizes) for over fifty years. She enjoys using fabrics that her ancestors would recognize, namely Civil War reproductions and 1930's reproductions.

General Meeting Agenda:

Treasurer's Report
Guild Roll Call
Membership Update
2027 Getaway Information
Committee Updates
Grant Winners 2026-2027
Shop Hop Gift Certificate Winners
Show & Tell

Future General Meetings:

- **March 6, 2027** – host guild(s) needed
- **June 5, 2027** – host guild(s) needed
- **October 2, 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 light work.

2027 NEORQC Getaway "Quilters are Piecemakers"



Plans for the 2027 Getaway are rapidly coming together. The Getaway "Quilters are Piecemakers" will be held Feb 19-21, 2027 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Eastlake, Ohio. The event will have a 60/70s theme, so bring out that tie dye, bell bottoms, and have fun.

Eight classes are offered plus open studio. There are three new teachers Debbie Cattell, Megan Sorn, and Carolyn Brown. Favorite returning teachers include Cathy Parker, Debbie Shives, Sandi Blackwell, KC Howell, and Betsy Bauman. Our website, neorqconline.org contains registration forms, class descriptions, and general information.

Registration opens September 1st and closes November 15th . Your registration includes: 2-night hotel stay (double occupancy); Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch; classroom instruction; sewing area; refreshments; hotel amenities; taxes and gratuities. For Commuters, registration includes everything but lodging. For the first time this year, credit card payments will be accepted in addition to check payments. There are gifts and door prizes throughout the event. Quilt shop venders will be on-site. There is a 3% credit card processing fee for credit card payments. If you want to use a credit card for payment, there is a second page to the registration form for credit card processing. Your information will be entered into the NEORQC bank account by the Treasurer and this form will be maintained by the Treasurer, in confidence, until the final payment is received. Once the final payment is processed, the form will be shredded. T-shirts are available for purchase with this year's fun logo. More information will be posted on the webpage as it becomes available. Hope to see you at the Getaway.

Link to registration form:

[2027 NEORQC Getaway Registration Form – neorqconline.org](http://neorqconline.org)

2027 NEORQC 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 you **LOVE**.

Is it 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 October 3rd.

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 October 3rd 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.



Membership Highlights

IMPROVISATION

Karen Verner (Always in Pieces) enjoyed a textile tour in Japan with two friends and, of course, brought home beautiful silks. When she attended the NEORQC February 2026 Getaway with her poppy silk fabric and other miscellaneous pieces, Karen received helpful advice and collaboration on her improvised wall hanging from attendees in Open Sew. Although she claims she's not an artist and learned many lessons on the project, especially when working with silk, her wall hanging is quite beautiful and creative!!! Karen's husband really liked the piece so it is displayed in their home.

A QUILTER'S TREASURE IN RURAL OHIO



Tucked along U.S. Route 6 in Rome, Ohio, Country Quilt Shack is the kind of small, locally-owned quilt shop that makes fabric shopping feel personal again. Located at 5647 U.S. Route 6, the shop sits in Hartsgrove Township, where rural Ohio charm provides a fitting setting for a business devoted to quilting, sewing, creativity, and community.

For owner Shelley Lipcsey, it is absolutely personal. A self taught quilter since 2006, Shelley's character towards hospitality and stewardship is evident in every aspect of her business. Her passion for quilting and lack of resources in a rural community fueled Shelley's resolve. During the winter of 2020, with her family's support, she established Country Quilt Shack LLC's online shop. This would easily allow all sewists the opportunity to easily access high-quality items needed for their projects. Shortly thereafter, in early 2022, her compassion for preserving the integrity of her community stood steadfast. Shelley learned that the Hartsgrove General Store, a defining characteristic of her neighborhood, was slated to be demolished. Shelly stepped in, averted the demolition and purchased the 1900 square foot building where The Country Quilt Shack exists today.



According to Shelley, her space is "small but mighty" and every square inch is built upon inspiration. It has developed a reputation as a welcoming destination for all quilters and sewists. One of the pleasures of visiting a traditional quilt shop is being able to see possibilities rather than simply rows of fabric. Country Quilt Shack emphasizes that experience, displaying finished quilt samples that can help customers envision how fabrics and patterns might come together. For a quilter who arrives with a project in mind, that personal interaction can be especially valuable. Choosing coordinating colors, finding the right backing, deciding on a pattern, or simply getting a second opinion can turn an uncertain project into an exciting one.

The shop carries fabrics and collections from recognized quilting manufacturers, and its inventory includes strips, squares, yardage, patterns, and sewing notions. Shelley is particularly fond of precuts and ensures that they are as economical as cut yardage. An added benefit is that you are able to utilize the entire collection. She and her team absolutely love to make and carry quilt kits. Free patterns accompany many of their products in addition to a special Thank-You gift upon making a purchase.

Country Quilt Shack also provides services that help customers take a quilt from an unfinished top to a completed project. Its longarm quilting service offers edge-to-edge quilting, while machine-sewn binding is available upon request.

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2027 NEORQC Membership Renewals

It will be time to renew memberships at the end of this year. October 3rd will be our last meeting before the renewal reminders are sent.

What you need to know:

- Renewal forms for guilds, teachers and shops will be available on the web site even before the renewal notices are emailed to your guilds.
- Renewals will be sent to the contact on last year's form unless you submit the change in contact form (found on our website). These renewals will begin entering email boxes in mid-November or so.
- Each guild decides how often to update your guild list and pay for additional new members. Registration is annual, but your guild can add new people monthly, quarterly, etc. or only do annual registration. Just send your new member list and dues to the treasurer, if desired.
- NOTE: Guilds must pay dues for each member on your roster. This then makes each individual on your roster a NEORQC member until Feb 2028. If your roster lists two people on one line, you will need to pay dues for EACH member.

Convenient Links:

<https://www.neorqconline.org/new-neorqc-board-and-committee-contacts/>

<https://www.neorqconline.org/new-quilt-guild-member-information-and-locations/>

Please contact Carolyn Brown, Membership Chair, with any questions.

Will Your Guild Host a NEORQC General Meeting?

NEORQC is always actively looking for guilds to host a General Meeting. There are three general meetings a year, the first Saturday of March, June, and October. The hosting guild receives \$300.00 to assist with costs for hosting which may include room rental, speaker fees, and other expenses. The Host Guild supplies these basic needs: the facility with a room setup for the meeting, educational program speaker, and light morning pastries, coffee, punch, and table service (i.e., plates and eating utensils). Lunch is optional, some guilds like to host a potluck after the meeting. Some guilds have basket raffles, door prizes, and at the last meeting the guild had a guild garage sale. The Board will provide the meeting agenda. NEORQC has a microphone system if one is not available at the facility. For the organization to move forward with General Meetings, it is necessary to have locations for those meetings. It is a great time to share your guild's activities and local quilt shops in your area. Guilds are also encouraged to share hosting with another guild if that works best for your guild. Information about hosting a meeting is available on the website or by contacting the vice president or any other Board member. We are actively searching for a guild(s) to host March, June, and October 2027.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2026

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

QuiltWeek COLUMBUS, OH **September 23-26**



<https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/show/columbus-2026/>

Canton Quilters Fall Fling

October 8, 2026

First Christian Church,

6900 Market Avenue

North Canton, OH 44721

Speaker: Vince Quevedo

School of Fashion – Kent State University

<https://www.neorqconline.org/event/canton-quilters-guild-fall-fling/>

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/>

JUNE 6TH MEETING MEMORIES



PIECES OF INFORMATION

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 Webmistress Susan Straub in .JPG, .PDF or Word format to webmaster@neorqconline.org or sstrauiaap@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. Additionally, do not forget to send it to Susan Straub, our web mistress at: 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 membership in the named guild, membership on the NEORQC page will be approved. Facebook Coordinator, Janis Hittle

Presidents Message - (Continued from page 1)

Linda Roberto has decided to step down as secretary. If you or someone you know may be interested in either of these positions, please contact me or one of the Board members to discuss this further. We are happy to answer any questions pertaining to these roles. It is important to fill these positions to keep the organization thriving well into the future.

We all look forward to seeing you at the next General Meeting on October 3rd . The meeting will include the annual awarding of the educational grants and the presentation from the previous year's grant recipients. We thank Lorain County Piecemakers and Pins and Needles for hosting this meeting. And as always, please bring your show and tell projects to share with our membership. See you In October.

Happy Quilting,

Barbara

Barbara King
NEORQC President

A Quilter's Treasure in Rural Ohio - (Continued from Page 5)

For customers who would rather have someone else handle the entire process, the shop also notes that quilts can be made for them. This combination of retail shopping and finishing services makes the store useful to both experienced quilters and people who may have inherited a quilt top, started a project years ago, or simply want to create a quilt without doing every step themselves.

Quilting has always been about more than fabric, according to Shelley. It is a social craft, a way to preserve memories, and a means of bringing people together. Country Quilt Shack participates in that tradition by offering classes and activities, including Barn Quilt Painting classes.



Perhaps the strongest impression conveyed by customer feedback is the personal service. Visitors frequently describe the owner and staff as friendly, helpful, and welcoming. Customers have also praised the shop's fabric selection and reasonable pricing. That personal approach is particularly meaningful in an era when much of fabric shopping can be done through a computer or phone. The northeastern location offers something an online shopping cart cannot: the opportunity to handle fabrics, compare colors in person, ask questions, see completed quilts, and share ideas with people who understand the craft. The shop's online store, allows customers who cannot make the trip more convenient..



For anyone traveling through northeastern Ohio, Country Quilt Shack offers a distinctly local quilting experience. It is small enough to retain the friendly atmosphere of an independent shop while offering a broad range of fabrics, kits, supplies, classes, and finishing services. Whether someone is an experienced quilter searching for the perfect fabric, a beginner looking for guidance, or simply someone who appreciates the beauty and tradition of handmade quilts, Country Quilt Shack provides a place to explore, create, and connect. In many ways, that is what makes a small quilt shop special. It is not merely a store where fabric is sold. It is a place where ideas become projects, projects become quilts, and quilts become lasting pieces of someone's story.

Country Quilt Shack
5647 U.S. Route 6
Rome, Ohio 44085

*Open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
with extended hours during special events.
Closed Friday through Monday on the third
weekend of every month for family time.*