



Ohio Quilts!!
June 2014 Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

I hope all of you had a great Memorial Day celebration, or at least planted your flowers (that seems to be what a lot of my neighbors did to celebrate). The last of ice and snow is finally gone and is replaced by some much needed sunshine.

We're fast approaching our annual Ohio Quilts!! Retreat in August and our Annual Meeting the end of September. Don't forget this is our 10th Anniversary, and we have some surprises for you. We're asking the membership to do their part in making this a banner year by each one committed to bringing just one new member to our great group. The word won't get around unless you, the members, help us.

Further in the newsletter is an article from our Vice President and Program Chairman, Mary Ruda. Her job is arranging our Annual Meeting. There is also an article from our Education Chairman, Anne Crabbs who is working hard to bring us another great Retreat. That is just a small sampling of the work your Board does. The Board of Directors works hard to make every year something to remember about Ohio Quilts!!, but you, the membership, are the only ones who can make our organization grow! Let's all work together!!

Check our website and look over the list of our Board of Directors. These are the ladies who do all of our work; planning our annual Retreat and the Annual Meeting, and performing the many tasks required to make our organization work. They're all dedicated to Ohio Quilts!! and the people who belong to the organization. We need you, the members to help too. We truly love it when we meet the happy faces at our events! That's what it's all about. The beautiful quilts that the members bring to our Show and Tells, and working together on our quilt projects and enjoying the Annual Retreat is our reward for working so hard during the year. Your ideas are always welcome.

Let's make this a GREAT 10 YEAR CELEBRATION. We need everyone's help!
Have a great summer!

Jan Nease, President

PS we've our membership forms for both individuals and for shops or available online on our website. If you know of someone or wish to give someone a membership in Ohio Quilts!! please have them fill out the form and forward to the Membership Director.

If you know of a shop that is not a member of the Ohio Quilts!! Network ... please print off a form and give it to the shop and encourage them to join us.

If you would like to help us reach out to others in your area, please complete and mail in the "I'll Help" form.

We want to make Ohio Quilts!! the best that we can!

Forward your membership form to:
Cathy Janes, Acting Membership Director
Ohio Quilts!!
71 North Clinton Street
The Plains, OH 45780

Forward your "I'll Help" form to:
Jan Nease, President
Ohio Quilts!!
10301 Thompson-Rye Circle
Twinsburg, OH 44087

**Ohio Quilts!! 2014 Annual Meeting – September 27, 2014
10th Annual Meeting Speaker Announcement**

Mark your calendar!! Ohio Quilts!! The Annual Meeting will take place September 27, 2014 at the Quest Business Center off Polaris Parkway in Columbus. The meeting will have a guest speaker, prizes, and demonstrations, quilt challenge contest, show and tell of member’s quilts and lots of surprises. Lunch will be served by Polaris Grill.

Vikki Pignatelli, from Reynoldsburg Ohio, will be our guest speaker. Vikki entered the world of quilting in 1991, now a full-time professional quilt –artist, designer, international teacher, lecturer and author. She has won many awards in national and international competitions and exhibitions. Vikki is the author of 3 books, “Quilting Curves”, “Quilting by Improvisation: Exploring Curves, Openwork, and Dimension,” “Nurture Your Creative Spirit: Wisdom and Insight Learned Through the Art of Quilting”, and a DVD “Crazy About Curves”. Vikki also founded the national biennial Sacred Threads Quilt Exhibitions in 1999. View her web site at vikki@vikkipignatelli.com.

The 2014 quilt challenge is a finished UFO. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

If you are interested in doing a demonstration of a project, quilting technique, or something that would interest the membership at the Annual Meeting, please contact me, Mary Ruda, 419.339.6125 or rmruda@woh.rr.com by August 1, 2014.

And don’t forget, the 2014 Challenge will be again the UFO Challenge, and a quilt made with the specialty Creative Grid rulers demonstrated by Ms. Fishel at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Watch for our next newsletter or go to our webpages to download the annual meeting preregistration form. It will be uploaded in the next week or so.

Mary Ruda , Vice President & Annual Meeting Coordinator

Ohio Quilts!! 2014 Grant Recipient

Later this year, we will be accepting application for the 2014 grant, so be thinking of projects or groups that you might know who could benefit and tell them to go to our website to find the grant information for the entry form and rules you will need to follow when you are making your application.

Ohio Quilts!! Education Grant provides up to \$500 to encourage not-for-profit organizations and groups in Ohio to pursue and further the art of quilt making through education, research, craftsmanship and documentation. Grants are made for specific events/projects that are open to the public and incorporate the mission of Ohio Quilts!! Grants cannot be made to individuals or businesses.

Groups should read all the grant materials carefully to determine if the type of event or project they are planning may qualify for consideration.

The OQ!! Grant program guidelines will be presented at the Annual meeting in September 2014.

Anne Crabbs, Education

Ohio Quilts!! Nominations Requested

The Nominating committee is in the process of looking for several people to fill vacancies on the Ohio Quilts!! Board. The vacancies to be filled for the term 2014-2016 are: vice president, treasurer, education

chair, communications chair, and three members at large. Qualifications are that one must be a member of Ohio Quilts!! and have a working computer, as much of the communication between members is using email, etc., as well as be able to attend the four Board meetings during the year. These meetings are held in central Ohio and are held on a Saturday from mid-morning until mid-afternoon.

Three members are to be elected to the nominating committee, as well. This is a one year term and does not require attendance at the Board meetings. It is helpful if the candidates have knowledge of others in their area or around the state.

If you have questions about qualifications, or the duties of a particular office or a suggestion of someone who might be a good candidate, please forward that person's name and phone number along with the qualifications of that person to Mary Abbott, MLAQuilts@aol.com or call her at 513-731-1159.

Thank you.

Nominating Committee: Mary Abbott (chair), Mary Ruda, Kaaren Courtney

Ohio Quilts!! Meet Your Officers

Anne Crabbs is from Lewis Center, Ohio, and is currently serving as Education Director of Ohio Quilts!! She has been a member for 7 years. In her professional life, she is a Commercial Underwriter for State Auto Insurance and just celebrated 40 years in that field. She is looking forward to retirement in the summer of 2014. Anne's hobbies are quilting, knitting, crocheting, caning chairs, and cross stitch. When she is quilting, she loses herself in her projects and can completely relax. She likes the joy people get when they use the quilts she makes. She made blue work to match and found the perfect fabric to finish the project. She enjoys OQ!! and wants to spread the word to that others can experience the fun.

Carol Ginter is no stranger to Ohio Quilts!! She was a founding member of the organization in 2004 and has served in many capacities since then. She is currently the secretary. She is from Lima, Ohio, and is very active in her Guild, Town & Country Quilters, in that part of the state. She was instrumental in organizing the project of "comfort pillows" for cancer patients which received a grant from Ohio Quilts!!

Kathy Kayden is from Elyria, Ohio, and is completing a term as member-at-large on Ohio Quilts!! Board. She is retired and her one hobby is quilting. She enjoys the creativity and, like Anne, finds it to be relaxing. She has met her three closest friends through quilting.

Ohio Quilts!! 2014 Annual Retreat Scheduled

We are planning the Amish Retreat at Zinck's Inn in Berlin, Ohio, August 24th through the 27th, 2014. We are obtaining discounts at the various quilt shops. A sewing machine repairman who came to Zinck's Inn last year will be available again this year for anyone who would like to have their machine serviced for a very reasonable fee. There will be an opportunity for our group to go shopping while the store with over 7500 bolts of fabric is closed.

The retreat form will be on the Ohio Quilts!! web page in the next week or so. So, visit our site and download your form to attend our retreat. It's worth the time ... we have lots of fun and sharing.

Ohio Quilts!! 2014 Annual Meeting's Silent Auction

Calling All Members: At the Annual Meeting this coming September 27, we are asking for help. As you may know, there is a silent auction at the annual meeting to raise funds to support the grant available to all guilds in Ohio and other promotion and preservation activities.

We will still be soliciting quilting items from businesses that support our mission, but we would like to invite you to add to the auction (as well as continue to be a bidder) as well. If you have a quilting item that you no longer find useful and you think someone else might like to own that item, please bring it to the annual meeting. It will be placed with the other silent auction items to be auctioned off. Even a picture of a big item can be included, but you will be responsible for making arrangements with the winner of the bid for pick up or delivery. This is a great way for you to pay it forward in the quilting world.

Questions? Feel free to contact Meta Van Nostran, Member at Large, at metavan@intelliwave.com

Midwest Study Group

There is a quilt group in the Midwest that has no officers, no written constitution and by-laws, and no articulated goals but they are thriving and you might be interested in hearing about them.

The Midwest Fabric Study Group is affiliated with the American Quilt Study Group but you don't have to belong to AQSG to belong to MFSG. Membership is over 100 and includes people with many different quilt interests. However, a primary reason for getting together is to share a show-and-tell of quilts over 100 years old at each meeting and learning how to date quilts by research, patterns, style, fabric, etc. Sometimes at a meeting they pick a theme for the show-and-tell such as signature quilts, crazy quilts, 1890 to 1900 quilts, etc. They also have at least one speaker at each meeting, sometimes more. Meeting dates usually fall on a weekend in March, May, August (study weekend, not to be missed) and November (often held in Shipshwana).

The biggest bonus for being a member is that MFSG is well respected and known by quilt scholars. Therefore, they always get to check out the quilt collections at each "weekend" city's history museum behind the scenes, in temperature controlled warehouses. They have a turning where sometimes dozens of antique quilts are piled on one table and turned over to another table when each quilt has been sufficiently examined. Boxes of nitrile gloves are provided so the quilts can be examined closely.

Although most of the members are from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, they also have members from six other states. There are other fabric study groups in the U.S. but this is the group that encompasses quilters, textile teachers, history buffs, etc. from Ohio. Most of the time (but not always) they meet in Indiana because it is centrally located. Some of the cities visited in the last two years include Richmond, Indiana; Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Springfield, Illinois; Lexington, Ohio; Kokomo, Indiana; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Grand Rapids, Michigan. The chairpersons at each weekend arrange for a motel.

Dues are a one-time \$10 and \$1.75 for a name tag. Usually an amount is collected at each meeting to cover the costs of a meeting place, coffee, etc. The amount depends on the expenses incurred and the number of people attending the meeting. There is a procedure for joining which is mainly getting your information and giving you the yahoo group's e-mail number for MFSG.

Naturally, it's a good idea first to attend a meeting to see if you think joining would be a good fit for you. Since they have no office and no officers, probably the best thing to do is contact Ohio Quilts!! member Joyce Foley (joyce.foley@twc.com) who can tell you where the next meeting will be and the contact name for that particular meeting.

Ohio Quilts!! Web Page Addition & Other News

We have added a new section to our webpages for News Around Ohio that you might be interested in. We will be posting Ricky Clark's obit; and an article on Quilt Barns. Check it out often for all sorts of great info.

Concerned by the high cost of cotton fabric?

According to a May 2, 2014 online news article, *A Cotton – Polyester Blend: The New Fabric of our Lives?*, in the Wall Street Journal's Market and Finance Section, cotton has a shrinking share of the clothing market. Polyester is cheaper and it looks like China will be using cheaper fiber to produce apparel that recently has been 100% cotton. According to Jordon Lea, a cotton merchant in Greenville, S.C., "The cotton industry's market share is doing more than just shrinking – we're collapsing". Does this mean we may see lower prices for cotton in the near future to increase consumer demand, or might we see a cotton polyester blend on the shelves of quilt shops?

Special Offering by The Dairy Barn / Quilt National: "Quilt Jazz"

The Dairy Barn in Athens, home of Quilt National, is hosting a 6 hour "Quilt Jazz" workshop with Quilt National 2014 Juror, Rosalie Dace. Rosalie Dace is a full time quiltmaker whose work reflects her passion for colour, pattern and texture. She has had a lifelong interest in textiles and embroidery and has a degree in Art and English. While she values the traditions from which our quilting has come, she believes that a quilt should say something about its time and place in history. This and her awareness of being a South African artist give her work its particular character

Many make know of her work as she has taught at the Surface Design Symposium in Columbus. To view Ms. Dace's bio, visit her webpage at: www.rosaliedace.co.za/biography/html.

The workshop will be offered Saturday, September 27th 10-4 or Sunday, September 28th, 10-4, at the Nelsonville Quilt Company, 52 West Washington Street, Nelsonville, OH 45764.

There are striking and exciting similarities between jazz and improvisational quilt making. Discover what they are and how to put them to use in making your contemporary quilts. So if freedom and fun are what you need in your quilt making, thof all those tight restrictions is the class for you. Learn to free yourself of all those tight restrictions that threaten to choke your creativity while you create a colorful and exuberant piece, without losing the essence of the quilt.

After studying pictures and other exampeld, you will be guided in a sensitive, step-by-step process to help you breathe new life into your blocks, and put them together to make a stunning quilt top.

Discussions will emphasize, color, pattern-making, repetition and rhythm. Techniques include free-hand cutting and machine piecing to make pieces fit. Your quilt making will never be the same again.

Class size is limited. Class fee is \$110 and includes lunch.

For registration information: contact Kathleen Dawson at: gn@dairybarn.org or call 740-592-4981.

Special Offering at the Dayton International Peace Museum

"QUILTING THE GOLDEN RULE," an inspiring exhibit by award winning quilter, **Janet Bear McTavish**, is coming to the [Dayton International Peace Museum](#).

JOIN JANET ON **JUNE 29** FOR A SUMPTUOUS SUNDAY BRUNCH followed by a talk and a tour. Enjoy an Exhibit Opening Brunch from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM at the Dayton Woman's Club followed by a talk by Quilter Janet Bear McTavish, creator of the Golden Rule quilts, and a tour of the exhibition. Price \$18 (includes tax/optional tip not included).

Reservations and exhibit details online at: <http://www.daytonpeacemuseum.org/>
or call, Dayton International Peace Museum, (937) 999-7314. info@daytonpeacemuseum.org

Ohio Quilts!! Membership

We are delighted to welcome back our old friends and to greet our new members. Remember that some quilt and fabric stores will offer discounts or other “rewards” to customers who show proof of guild affiliations. Be sure to ask your favorite shop if they are one of those shops.

If you know of someone who might enjoy Ohio Quilts!! membership, please let them know that our membership form is on our website ... www.ohioquilts.org. A \$15.00 investment offers many opportunities including, but not limited to the 2014 Schedule which includes the 4th annual Amish retreat, the annual meeting luncheon with demos, prizes and featured speaker, the “UFO” challenge with cash prizes, the 4th annual educational grant given for the promotion of quilting in Ohio, and several new regional activities.

Note: please be patient, we recently changed membership director and I’m playing catch up on lots of things. Membership cards will be forthcoming.

Please don’t let your friends miss out. Invite them to join you in Ohio Quilts!! We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Cathy Janes, Acting Membership Director

Quilt Happenings Around Ohio 2014

Pat Knoechel will be giving a quilting demonstration at the Fairfield County District Library, Lancaster, Ohio, on Monday, June 23rd 10:00 on the third floor of the main library. Pat will preview the book *Mystery Quilt* and will have a selection of Eleanor Burns’ book available for purchase.

Hocking Valley Quilters' annual quilt show will be open for visitors **June 10th to June 27th** during The Bowen House’s (Logan) regular business hours from 2 to 5 pm. Tuesday through Saturday, with special hours of noon to 5 pm. on Friday and Saturday of the Washboard Music Festival (June 13 & 14). For more details, contact Vera Gable at 740-385-5107 or vera_gable@frontier.com

Bob Evans Farms Quilt Show 2014: Celebrate Quilts, June 21st to July 31st, 2014, 10:30 am to 5:30 pm daily; Admission 3. Located at the Bob Evans Farm Event Barn, Rio Grande, OH 45674. www.bobevans.com

Quilt Gathering 2014 quilt show presented by the Pieceable Quilters Guild, Saturday & Sunday, **July 19th & 20th, 2014**. Held at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds, Pershing Road, Zanesville in the Veteran’s Complex Building. For more information contact, Amanda Welch, at 740-221-1227, or Amanda.c.welch@gmail.com

The 21st Annual Quilt Show presented by the Circleville Goodtime Quilters, will be held **August 28th to 30th**, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 135 East Mound Street, Circleville, OH 43113. Featured quilter this year will be Beth Starkey-Hill. Challenge theme: “I’m a Basket Case.” Raffle quilt, vendors, food, demos, door prizes, silent auction and more. Hours: Thursday, 9-5; Friday 9-5 and Saturday, 9-4. Free parking. For more information contact: Barb Harwood at: hardwood@brightnight.org or visit their webpages: www.goodtimequilters.org.

Finally, a word from your Communications Director

We are ALWAYS in the process of updating our webpages, so please take a few minutes and check it out. We now have an email address that you can send us messages or updates.

We would greatly appreciate notes of quilt shows and happenings in your area for the newsletter and to advise other Ohio Quilts!! members ... so send in that information to us when you can.

Please also feel free to send us your thoughts on how we can make the webpages work better for you, and any ideas or thoughts to our President. We need our membership to make us the best that we can be.

Any thoughts on newsletter articles would also be greatly appreciated.

Cathy Janes, Communications

Link to the Membership Forms for Individuals

www.ohioquilts.org/documents/12-12membershipapplication.jpg

Link to the Membership Form for shops.

www.ohioquilts.org/documents/OQShopMembershipForm2013.pdf

Finally, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us; our email address is

ohioquilts@rocketmail.com

I'll Help Ohio Quilts!! Form

This coming year, we are looking to expand our efforts and hold workshops and meetings in various areas around the state. To do this, we need local quilters to help find locations and help Ohio Quilts!! board members to organize a local venue. Your help would be so greatly appreciated!

Your Name and/or Organization _____

Area of the State to help in: Central Southeastern Northwestern
 Northeastern Southwestern

Your mailing address: _____

Your email address: _____

Your phone number or cell phone number: _____

Give us a general idea of what you are thinking to help promote Ohio Quilts!! in your area:

Any other ideas you might have ... because our members are our strongest supporters ... tell us what you feel we need to be doing And how can you help us do that:

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