



## North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council

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### NEORQC Board

President—Barbara King  
Vice President—Margaret LaVenia  
Secretary—Catherine Peterson  
Treasurer—Mary Rose Nordquist

### *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Hello Quilters,

It is 4 degrees and a negative wind chill, is that cold enough for you? We have not had such a cold and snowy winter in many years. I enjoy looking at the snow from inside a warm house bundled up with a quilt and a hot tea in my hand. How many of you are surviving this cold Ohio weather with that warm quilt covering your lap as you work on another quilt or finally sew that binding on that project that has been laying around? I wish I could say I have been busy in my quilting room. Instead, I have been spending time with my family being a caregiver for my father. It is my honor to take care of him as he did for me my whole life. My quilting room will wait for me and greet me on my return.

The 2025 Getaway is just around the corner. We are at a new location in Canton and looking forward to seeing all our quilting friends. The Getaway Committee has been busy since the last Getaway and has planned another great event. Registration was filled early. There are two new teachers this year and four returning teachers. Remember to bring your show and tell from last year's Getaway project and two projects from home. Also, do not forget your table runner challenge from those patterns shared at the last Getaway. There are wonderful gifts for show and tell and the challenge. Keep following any Getaway updates on the website.

Mark your calendar to join us for the next General Meeting in March, information is provided within the newsletter. This meeting begins at 10:30 am since the building is not open until 10:00. Please give the host guild time to set up. The election of the President and Secretary happens at this meeting. Please let Janis Hittle know if you are interested in running for either office. I am running again as President. We do need someone to run for Secretary. Linda Roberto is interested in running for Secretary. However, we will need to replace her as the Membership Chair. If you are interested in the Membership Chair, please let me know. The Membership Chair is responsible for maintaining the membership list of the guilds, shops, and teachers. The busy times for the position are late January and February when membership dues are received. Each guild is then provided with a digital file of membership cards. Then in the fall, a membership renewal is sent to each guild, teacher, and shop. Anyone interested would be assisted by the Board. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to me or Linda.

If you are interested in becoming involved more in the organization, please let a Board member know. We are always looking for individuals and would like the Board to represent a wide variety of guilds.

See you soon.

*Barbara*  
Barbara King  
NEORQC President

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## Saturday, March 1st General Meeting

### **NOTE NEW MEETING TIME: 10:30 a.m.**

P&N opens at 10. There is sure to be fabric that will catch your eye while you shop and kindly give the host guild time to set up.

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

**Host:** North Coast Needlers

**Agenda:** Treasurer's report  
Membership update  
Election of President & Treasurer  
Getaway 2025 review  
Shop Hop gift certificate winners  
Show & Tell

**Speaker:** **Elizabeth Bauman, Quilt Artist & Speaker**  
*Why Quilters are Smart*



Betsy is a guild member, NEORQC teacher, college professor and artist whose love of fabric, drama and history led her to the theatre and a career as a costume designer. As a quilt artist, she is inspired by the history and tradition of quilting, and she collects antique quilts to study and to enjoy. This respect for the past is the springboard for the quilts she makes where she seeks to tell a story or express an idea – her quilts are playful and whimsical. Since she began making quilts in 2000, her quilts have been juried into many national and local exhibitions. Betsy serves as Professor of Theatre Arts at Hiram College.

**WEAR  
SOME  
THING  
GREEN**

**We look forward to seeing you!!!**

## 2025 NEORQC Getaway - "Quilting Makes Life Bearable"



As this edition of the Newsletter goes to print, final details for the February Getaway are wrapping up. The hard-working Getaway Committee selected teachers and classes that provide diversity in quilting techniques and skill level for attendees.

Classes and teachers are:

- Adaption of Costa Maya with Carolyn Artie – piecing
- Fill in the Banks with Mary Bernower – domestic machine quilting
- Red Onion with Cathy Parker – piecing
- Vintage Compass with Laura Noletti – paper piecing
- Rec-spect Yourself with Debbie Shives – piecing
- Curvy Log Cabin Quilt with K.C. Howell – piecing
- Open Studio

## NEORQC Education Grants - Spreading the Love of Quilting

There were a record number of grant submissions for 2024-2025. Seven grants were funded for a total of \$2,435.00. Consider the grants below and think about how your guild or other community group could apply for a 2025 grant.

- **County Piecemakers for \$500.00 – Teach Hand Quilting.** The guild demonstrates hand quilting at the annual county fair. Members explain and encourage individuals to participate. The guild will provide a simple beginning hand quilting kit to interested fair goers, along with a list of quilt guilds in Portage County with contact information for a few of the guild members for future help.
- **Sew4Service for \$250.00 – Improving Your Quilting Skills.** The project includes two workshops, each 5 hours long, teaching participants how to use the quilting tools that come with their sewing machine. They will learn how to add a border with mitered corners and add binding to a quilt both by hand and machine.
- **Ohio Star Quilters for \$250.00 – Kids Quilt 2025.** Teaching kids to quilt with the assistance of parents, grandparents, other family, and guild members. This project will increase student interest in the art of quilting. Novice quilters will make an easier pattern quilt and more experienced will use a more challenging pattern. They will learn basic sewing and quilting skills including applique and binding.
- **Friends Quilt Together for \$350.00 – My First Quilt.** Students will gain knowledge of quilting vocabulary, using a sewing machine, pressing, the importance of following a pattern and keeping quilt blocks organized to maintain the layout, and confidence to finish mini-steps that will lead to a finished quilt.
- **Tuscarawas County 4-H for \$300.00 – Veteran's Honor Quilt.** The project will introduce 4-H members to the world of quilting by making quilts for veterans as a countywide service project. The members will make five quilts that will be presented to veterans at the annual county fair.
- **Immaculate Heart of Mary Creative Quilters for \$400.00 – Creative Quilters.** The project will teach the basics of sewing and quilting by students making a themed quilt, a pillowcase, a tote bag, a patchwork pincushion, small crossover bag, and other small projects. This will be a 16-week program with the students meeting once a week.
- **Girl Scout Troop 91278 for \$385.00 – Teaching Kids to Quilt Making Kennel Mats.** The project is for each girl to make a minimum of two kennel mats while learning basic sewing skills and expanding skills for girls that participated in the past year's project.

### *Education Grants Continued:*

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.

Think about how you and your guild can spread the love of quilting. Applications for next year's grants will be posted by May 1. Watch for the announcement. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Parker, Grant Chair. 330-703-8354 or [cathyquilts@gmail.com](mailto:cathyquilts@gmail.com).

## *2024 Challenge Winners*

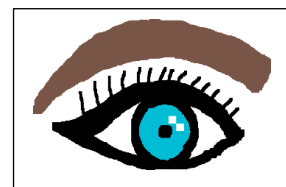
**Theme: Zebra with a Kick**



Congratulations to: Cathy Parker for her jacket in the miscellaneous category;  
Barbie Zwick for her large quilt; and Carolyn Artie for her small quilt.  
Each winner was presented with a \$20.00 check.

## *2025 Challenge - "EYE" Spy*

The 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 March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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](http://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 1st General Meeting for a chance to win a gift certificate to one of our member quilt shops.



## The October General Meeting

Barbara King, President, opened the meeting by welcoming the membership and guests. After reviewing the agenda, the Executive Board members were introduced. Past officers and two Past Presidents, Cindy Casciato and Janis Hittle, were recognized. Others also recognized included one shop member – Judy Phillips (our speaker) from Sew Déjà Vu, as well as three teacher members: Linda Miller, Cindy Casciato, and Elizabeth Bauman. And, of course, many guilds answered roll call with more than 90 members in attendance. Several guests were present to share the results of their Grants.



Large attendance!



Delicious refreshments.



Speaker: Judy Phillips, owner of Sew Déjà Vu



Girl Scouts with their Grant projects

## 2024 Challenge: Zebra with a Kick

Quilters responded with creativity and enthusiasm. It was a good thing we met in a large room as **29** quilts and items were displayed on several tables. What an amazing and colorful scene!

A few of the challenge quilts and miscellaneous items:





Photos from Show & Tell



## Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events in 2025

### Original Sewing & Quilt Expo

I-X Center Cleveland, OH  
April 3—5, 2025

### NE Ohio Quilt Show

July 17 – 19, 2025  
Wooster, Ohio

### North Coast Needlers Quilt Show

#### ***NCN Ruby Jubilee***

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 10am - 5 pm  
Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.NorthCoastNeedlers.com)  
FB: "North Coast Needlers Quilt Guild"

### Old Uniontown Quilt Guild Annual Show

#### ***Pieces & Parts from our Hearts***

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 9am – 5pm  
Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.olduniontownquiltguild.com)



## *Opportunity to Donate Fabric to Design Students at Kent State*

The Fabric Pantry is a non-profit student organization at Kent State University with an initiative to provide fabric and sewing materials to design students and creatives at zero cost. The organization was created to alleviate financial stressors for students who cannot access necessary materials and to reduce textile waste in the Kent area, allowing for a more sustainable fashion school.

Fabric (one yard or more), trims, buttons, thread or sewing notions donations will be accepted during the monthly Fabric Pantry Friday. On every 3rd Friday of the month, the donations team will be available in Rockwell Hall, first floor atrium, accepting donations between 4pm-6pm. The Fabric Pantry accepts monetary donations as well. Location: 515 Hilltop Dr., Kent, OH 44240

### **See this space, it is waiting for your article.**

We are always looking for quilting tips and information. Please take the time to write an article and share with the membership. It could be what started you quilting, your favorite quilting techniques and why, helpful tips, and what project or community service is your guild involved with (share photos).

How about an article on your favorite quilting memories?

We look forward to hearing from you!!!

Send to [cjkquilts@gmail.com](mailto:cjkquilts@gmail.com)

***Mark your calendar for future NEORQC General Meetings***

***June 7, 2025 – Country Piecemakers, Host***

***October 4, 2025 – Need a host guild***