



Westerville Quilt Guild

NEWS

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February 28 is
Mardis Gras!
Time to Party!
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February 28, 2017

Marilyn Lundquist & Sue Meek, President-of-the-Month

Mardi Gras Appliqué Party

We will learn tips and hints from members Cindy Walton for Hawaiian appliqué, Vickie Mills for needle turn appliqué, Lisa Smith will teach us wool appliqué, and Corinne Vititoe will help us with the blanket stitch.



Please bring your completed appliqué projects for show and tell. We'd love to see what you've done!



Fun with Fabric

Quilter's Word of the Year

What is YOUR Word of the Year? Your Quilt is due at the February meeting. Make a small quilt with a word (or phrase) that describes what you want to focus on in 2017. It can be a word you want to focus on in your quilting or a word you want to focus on in your everyday life. We want to hear the story on YOUR word!

Ugly Fabric Challenge

Did you ever wonder why you bought a certain piece of fabric? Well, now you can get rid of it and somebody else can make something beautiful from it!

Bring a fat quarter of "ugly" fabric in a brown paper bag. (Bags will be provided if you need one.) You will then pick another bag and your challenge is to make a quilt with that ugly fabric, using it at least four times in your quilt. Your finished project is due in May. There will be prizes awarded. Dig through that stash and see what you can find!



SOCIAL TIME - Meet and Greet - Arrive Early When You Can...

Start gathering around 6:30. Greet friends & MEET new members. **Members:** This month make sure you find someone you would like to know better, a new member or guest, and introduce yourself. **New Members/Guests:** If you are a new member/guest, approach someone you don't know and introduce yourself. Learn a little about the other person and share a bit about yourself! We are a friendly bunch!

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm Social Time, 7:00 p.m. Meeting, at The Westerville American Legion Hall, 393 East College Avenue, Westerville, OH 43081, Web Site: <http://www.WestervilleQuiltGuild.com>, E-mail: info@westervillequiltguild.com

WQG Committees

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Fat Quarter Raffle

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Sunshine Committee

Christina Sidebottom

Web Site and Facebook Committee

Sharon Cowans
Melissa Grawe

(Please let Lisa know if a committee or member is missing!)



2017 Program Sneak Peek



February 28, 2017

Marilyn Lundquist & Sue Meek - Mardi Gras Appliqué Party

March 28, 2017

Cindy Walton, Ginny Littleton, Diana Daily, Rita McGraw, Fran McMichaels

April 25, 2017

Daleen Dotson & Joanne Guthrie-Hurst - Shelley Kirkland from Quilt Store Next Door in Pataskala

May 23, 2017

Exie Lundquist — "Trash-to-Treasures" Upcycling Leftovers into New Items

June 27, 2017 — Annual Picnic

Shannon Bartlett & Lisa Smith — "A Needle in a Haystack"

July 25, 2017

Executive Committee — Planning Session & Ice Cream Social

August 22, 2017

Christina Sidebottom — Aminah Robinson

September 26, 2017

Vicki Mills - Quilting Challenge & Game Night

October 24, 2017

Judy Theil & Jeff Bretthauer — Hexagons

November 28, 2017 — Holiday Party

Marilyn Lundquist & Friends



Mr. Frog Wants to Remind You:

Wear Your Name Tags or Pay the Penalty!

A Brief History of the Westerville Quilt Guild

By Joan Lally

"Why am I going elsewhere for a quilt guild? I know there are enough quilters in Westerville to have our own guild."

That was how this all got started. I made that statement to my husband as I was leaving to attend a meeting at CMQ. That was in August 2004. The next morning I was still thinking about it and decided to look into starting a Westerville quilt guild. I sent emails out to members of the CMQ who lived in Westerville. I put up invitations everywhere I could for anyone interested to contact me. I then decided to host a meeting at my home and put up invitations everywhere as well as a flag on my front porch - "Welcome Quilters!" The response was not overwhelming. On September 29, 2004, the following people showed up: Debi Blalog, Pat Hamway, Mitzi Arnold, Judy Krol, Joan Tuttle, and Lisa Smith. We decided we could do this. And we chose to have the *President-of-the-Month* meeting format instead of the usual elected officials that planned every program for the year. We felt this would encourage participation from the members and hopefully allow for a broader range of meeting topics.

I sent out a newsletter for all Westerville quilters on Thursday, September 30, 2004. We had a better response to that and had each one invite one at the next meeting. We found out we could hold a meeting at the Library - what a stroke of luck that was.

We decided to make several bookmarks (about 500) to advertise our "organizational" meeting at the Library. These we distributed to quilt shops in the area, the library and every place that would let us leave them. The meeting was scheduled for January 10, 2005. It was standing room only. We had so many people in attendance the library decided we were too big - they could not accommodate us. However, it was at this meeting we had wonderful volunteers: Lisa Smith agreed to do our newsletters and continues to do that; Becky Stains accepted the treasurer position and served until just recently; and Shirley Thompson accepted the position of Historian, creating our guild scrapbooks.

Trish Bishop was instrumental in obtaining a meeting room for us at the City of Westerville Electric Division and they let us meet there for free. We had some really great meetings and workshops there but, eventually, they needed the room and we had to find another place to meet. That's when we met at a conference room at the Ohio Health Building until they decided to expand and we had to find another place. That place is the building we now meet in - the American Legion.

Our Guild has had its ups and downs but we are still here and hopefully we will grow still stronger in the coming years.

The Thread and Thimble Sewing & Quilt Shop

302 E 5th Street, Marysville, OH 43040, 937-642-1584, www.thethreadnthimble.com



Closing Saturday, February 25th.



Online Sale Fabric 40% off; In-store sale fabric 50% off.

Hours for final week:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday — 10 am to 5pm

Wednesday — 1 pm to 5 pm and Saturday — 10 am to 4 pm



Tickets for the "A is for Appliqué" Raffle Basket will be on sale at the beginning of the meeting and during the meeting. The basket will contain fabrics, patterns, and other assorted Appliqué themed treats. The drawing will be at the end of the meeting. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5.



Westerville Quilt Guild Sunshine Committee

If you know of a member who is sick, has had surgery, or has had a death in

the family, please contact

Christina Sidebottom who will send a card.

E-mail: o-side@att.net, telephone: 614-895-9820 (home) / 614-208-2857 (cell).

2017 Fat Quarter Raffle

Below are the colors by month for the fat quarter raffle.



Feb	Green
March	Pastel
April	Grab bag/anything goes
May	Floral
June	Americana
July	Batik
August	Solids
September	Halloween
October	Harvest
November	Christmas

Tuffet Kits

Now Available at Jo-Ann Fabrics - Foam, batting, & wood. \$79 regular price...but recently on sale for less than \$50. Also available on their web site.



Mardis Gras — Fat Tuesday!

It's time to party it up, andeat!!

Fat Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. It is also known as Mardi Gras Day or Shrove Day. It is a day when people eat all they want of everything and anything they want as the following day is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of a long fasting period for Christians. In addition to fasting, Christians also give up something special that they enjoy. So, Fat Tuesday is a celebration and the opportunity to enjoy that favorite food or snack that you give up for the long Lenten season.



Nowhere on the planet is Fat Tuesday celebrated more than on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. The day is celebrated with festivities and parades and of course much food and drink. While in New Orleans, a big tradition is in wearing Mardi Gras beads and giving them to others. And tradition requires that if a guy gives a girl some beads, she has to do something for him...this can be just loads of fun.

In addition to being called Mardi Gras Day and Fat Tuesday, it is also called Fastnacht Day. Pennsylvania Dutch country, and other areas with large German populations, refer to it as Fastnacht Day. The word translates to "Fast Night" in English. The tradition is to eat the very best foods, which are part of the German tradition, and lots of it, before the Lenten fast.

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Newsletter Information

Newsletter submissions should be sent as an attachment or typed in the body of an email to the following email address: Newsletter@westervillequiltguild.com. The "publication" date for the Newsletter will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month. All items submitted to the Newsletter need to be in by the 2nd Tuesday of the month. If you know of a member that does not have access to email, please give them a copy of the newsletter. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact [Lisa Smith](#), WQG Newsletter Editor.