



Westerville Quilt Guild

NEWS

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Barbara Vance — President-of-the-Month

Deb Strain, Moda Fabric Designer



One of my favorite things to do is speak with Quilters about the process of fabric design! As a 23 year veteran of the industry, I love to share how my hand drawn and hand painted artwork evolves into lovely fabric by Moda. The presentation is conducted casually, with questions welcome. Using artwork from actual fabrics, quilters are guided through my journey of fabric design from initial concept to delivery in your favorite Quilt store. The program always ends with a parade of 20-30 quilts made over the years from my fabrics, providing ideas for future quilts to many. Fun stories of how I got started and adventures along the way, make this a light-hearted, yet informative 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Deb and her husband Scott, currently live in their new hometown of Yellow Springs, Ohio. With one of their 3 children on the east coast, one on the west coast, and the third next door, life is filled with long distance calls, traveling and helping watch their twin grandsons that also live next door!

A Moda designer since 1996, Deb feels honored to have watched Moda's growth and success over the years. "Moda's integrity and genuine caring about quilters, the quilting industry and their designers has always been part of why I love working with this wonderful company. That and the "best in the business" members of the Moda family have made it an incredible journey." Hand drawing and hand painting her fabric lines, Deb has created over 100 groups since she began working with Moda. She loves working with different colors and patterns, the more intricate the better!

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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 St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4686 East Walnut Street, Westerville, OH 43081, Web Site: <http://www.WestervilleQuiltGuild.com>, E-mail: info@westervillequiltguild.com

2020-2021 Committees

Do you want to remain on any committee from 2020, if not please let me know. Thank you.

Executive Committee

Cindy Walton Judy Theil
Abby Miller Janice Baer
Sue Meek

Hospitality:

Barbara Vance Sue Meek
Patty Callahan Leslie Ressa
Debbie Leanza Carol Cleaves

Fun with Fabric:

Karen Lesuer Shannon Bartlett
Lisa Smith Sue Meek

Keeper of the WQG Quilts & Scrapbooks:

Susan Edwards

Membership:

Janice Baer and Judy Theil

Newsletter:

Lisa Smith (also on Executive Committee)

Publicity:

Sue Meek

Monthly Opportunity Basket:

Shannon Bartlett

Service Committee:

Gayle Seeman Jeff Bretthauer
Leslie Ressa Patty Callahan
Beth Duvernay Cathy Widner
Pam Ayler Exie Lundquist

Sunshine Committee:

Christina Sidebottom

Website and Facebook:

Lisa Smith, Website (also on Exec. Com)
Melissa Grawe, Facebook (also on Exec. Com)

Workshops/Retreats/Trips:

Workshops: Ruthie Hoover and Judy Theil
Retreats: Abby Miller and Pay Ayler
Trips: Sue Meek

Fat Quarter Raffle

Jeff Bretthauer

Take Down or Put Away Things

Christina Sidebottom

2021 Program Sneak Peek



April 27 — Zoom Meeting — Deb Strain, fabric designer for Moda. Barbara Vance, POM.

May 25 — Zoom Meeting — Sit and Chat, then Show & Tell.

June 22 — Batting: What's Inside Matters — Hobbs Batting — Judy O'Shaughnessy, POM.

Please send photos of any items you want in the Show & Tell to Janice. She will create a slide presentation for the meeting. You will be called on to describe your items as they appear in the presentation. Since we've all been home so much lately there should be a lot of things for Show & Tell!

Membership 2021 Dues



If you paid dues for 2020, your dues will be considered "paid" for 2021. Please send any updates to email, phone, address, names to Janice. A new roster will be sent in a few months, once everyone has had a chance to update their information.



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.

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Always interested in art, Deb was an art teacher before becoming a designer. Her artwork has been featured on many different products over the years: calendars, greeting cards, garden flags, books, framed prints and more. Recently, she and Scott proudly launched their own notecard line called "Sew Noted," notecards for the sewing and quilting enthusiasts.

With traveling to see her children and creating new fabric lines and other new art, Deb's life is happily filled with color, creativity and HUGS!

Fun with Fabric (FWF)

Throwback Challenge — Due April 27th



This challenge limits you to only things you have on hand. Using only materials/fabrics you have at home (or where you are quarantined), make a quilt or quilted object. The only rule is you can't purchase anything new. So dust off your kits, orphaned quilt

blocks, scraps, or tattered textiles and "make do".

QUEEN BEE BLOCK PARTY 2021



The 2021 Queen Bee Block Party will start this month. If you signed up you should receive an email with all the information.

Pecans: A Comfort Food Classic Reimagined

Think outside the pie and grab a handful of pecans! With American adults and children snacking more, it's time to spotlight the natural, healthy, fuss-free pecan.

The National Pecan Shellers Association (NPSA) has a proposition for you. This April, consider snacking healthy and snacking on pecans. A one-ounce serving of 15 to 20 pecan halves packs a nutritious punch:

- ◆ Pecans contain more antioxidants than any other nut variety according to ORAC values
- ◆ Pecans can help reduce the risk of heart disease and lower cholesterol levels
- ◆ Pecans contain more than 19 vitamins and minerals
- ◆ Pecans are a natural, high-quality source of protein and naturally sodium free

Sugar Spiced Pecans

Ingredients

1 lb. pecan halves	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon
1 cup sugar	1 cup water
$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. salt	1 tsp. vanilla

Instructions

1. Toast pecans on baking sheet for 10 minutes at 300°F.
2. Combine all ingredients, except pecans and vanilla, in small pan.
3. Cook about 5 minutes (until syrup spins a small thread).
4. Remove from heat and add pecans and vanilla.
5. Stir quickly until syrup crystallizes.
6. Pour onto buttered platter.
7. Separate nuts rapidly (but gently) and cool before serving. (To add Easter appeal, wrap individual handfuls of pecans in spring-colored plastic wrap and tie with ribbon).

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 have any questions or suggestions, contact [Lisa Smith](#), WQG Newsletter Editor.