



Westerville Quilt Guild

# NEWS

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April 25, 2023

## Becky Lance & Sue Meek — Presidents - of - the - Month Japanese Fabric Arts

### Furoshiki. Sashiko. Kanzashi. Zakka. Fabrigami.

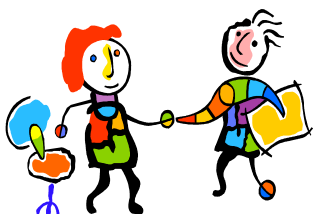
These are all examples of Japanese Fabric Arts that are popular today. Maybe you've heard of them and wanted to learn more. Maybe you've used some of them in your projects but didn't realize the Japanese connection.

At our April meeting, we'll learn about some of these techniques through hands-on experiences. You'll get to try them out in rotating breakout sessions, so you can include some of them in your future sewing projects.

The Japanese culture encourages frugality, simplicity, and green living. Since April is Earth Month, some of the techniques we learn will crossover into "living a life that honors our earth."

### Pre-meeting Preparations (AKA Homework!):

For our Furoshiki session, we will learn how to wrap gifts in fabric that can be reused. Thanks to Daleen Dotson (a former member of WQG who passed away last summer), we have acquired a large stash of gorgeous Asian fabrics. Don't forget to finish the pieces handed out at the March meeting, and bring them back to the April meeting. If you were not at the March meeting, we'll have finished pieces available for you at the meeting. Also bring an empty box around 8-12 inches or a cereal/cracker/side dish box or a book that you can wrap up.



### 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: [westervillequiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:westervillequiltguild@gmail.com)

## Fun With Fabric 2023



### UFO Challenge

Don't forget your to continue completing your UFOs for this quarter. The drawing for the second Major Award will be at the end of the June Meeting. You can't win if you don't play!



### Block of the Month - 25 patch

This month's BOM is a 25 patch block made using  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. This is a good use of scraps. The blocks are due at the May meeting. Unfinished blocks will be  $10\frac{1}{2}$ ", finished 10". Block kits include a selection of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, and a  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of the focus fabric so you can see what colors are needed for the block.

**\*\*DO NOT CUT THE FOCUS FABRIC SQUARES\*\***



## A Quilting Byte

Submitted by Karen Heath

Dear Lord,

So far today I am doing all right. I have not purchased fabric that I know not what to do with. I have not lost my temper when my points did not match, and been greedy, or shellfish with my fabric and patterns. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate, because my quilts are not as pretty as my quilting friends. I have not fondled my fabric. I have charged nothing on my credit card, quilt related. But, I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

Amen



A couple of the FHF Quilts from the kits made of fabrics donated by Susan Edwards.

## WQG Raffle Quilt 2023

Those of you that were at the Holiday Potluck in December were given a Christmas themed FQ. If you chose to do so, please make a Christmas themed block with that FQ fabric and cotton quilt fabric from your stash (please, no batiks). It should be 10 1/2" to create a finished quilt block of 10". You may choose to do any pieced block pattern that you would like to do.

If you have completed your block bring it to the meeting and give it to Jeff. A group will construct a quilt from the blocks and the quilt will be raffled off at the 2023 Holiday Party in November.

Remember the raw block that you will be returning should measure 10 1/2".

Jeff has more FQs if you would like to make a block!



**The April basket is Jelly Belly.** An array of Jelly Belly items: fabric, books, patterns and more. A pieceful collection of Jelly Belly themed quilter's

goodies. The drawing will be at the end of the meeting. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5.



## QUEEN BEE BLOCK PARTY 2023

The 2023 Queen Bee Block Party is ready to go.

MAR — Beth Gabel — Due April 25

APR — DeeAnn Haworth — Due May 23

## Service Committee

The Service Committee is continuing with the pillow cases. Check with Jeff for kits.

## 2023 Program Sneak Peek



April - Japanese Fabric Arts - Becky Lance & Sue Meek

May - Rebecca Burdock, a local pattern and fabric designer - Judy O'Shaughnessy

June - Quilting Bee #2

July - Stripology Rulers - Connie Gelfer

August - Annual Picnic - DeeAnn Haworth

September - Steph Skardal - Judy Theil

October - John Johnson - Sewing Machine Maintenance - Lisa Smith

November 28th - Holiday Party - Janice Baer, etc.

*Note this is the 4th Tuesday AND after Thanksgiving*

## Fat Quarter Raffle 2023



Theme for the is year is ANY THING GOES. They can be GOOD, BAD and UGLY.

So bring your FQs!



## 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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## 2023 Committees

### Executive Committee

Jeff Bretthauer  
Beth Gabel  
Connie Gelfer  
Ruthie Hoover  
Becky Lance  
Sue Meek (also Treasurer)  
*Treasurer, Newsletter & Website/Social Media*

### Hospitality:

Ruthie Hoover  
JoAnne Guthrie  
Exie Lundquist  
DeeAnn Haworth

### Fun with Fabric:

Shannon Bartlett  
Lisa Smith

### Keeper of the WQG Quilts & Scrapbooks:

Susan Edwards

### Membership:

Janice Baer  
Karen Heath

### Newsletter/Website/Social Media:

Lisa Smith  
Janice Baer  
Judy Theil

### Publicity:

Sue Meek

### Monthly Opportunity Basket:

Shannon Bartlett

### Service Committee:

Jeff Bretthauer  
Judy Theil

### Sunshine Committee:

Christina Sidebottom

### Workshops/Retreats/Trips:

*NO ONE*

### Fat Quarter Raffle

Jeff Bretthauer

### Take Down or Put Away Things

Christina Sidebottom

*If you signed up for a committee and your name is not on the list, please let Janice Baer or Lisa Smith know. Thank you!*



## April 25 is World Penguin Day!

World Penguin Day is a great opportunity to learn about and appreciate one of the few natives of Antarctica. On this day, spend a little time learning about them... a pictorial book or internet site is fun. You can also watch a documentary of these cute and popular, grounded birds.

These days are also a time to wear black and white—penguin colors. However, wearing a tuxedo in their honor is optional. It is also popular today to tell a penguin joke or two.

**Did you know?** Penguins are found in Antarctica, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Peru, the Falkland Islands, and the Galapagos Islands. Elsewhere, they are only found in zoos.

### How to Celebrate Penguin Days

Go to a zoo or aquarium to see them. They are fun to watch when they are active.

Waddle like a penguin.

Watch a nature documentary featuring them.

Research them on the internet.

Go to the library and read out a book about them.

### History and Origin of Penguin Day

World Penguin Day coincides with the annual northward migration of penguins. This happens each year on or around April 25th. They do not fly. Rather, they walk or waddle their way to and from.

**Did You Know?** The only bird that can swim but not fly is the Penguin.

From: <https://www.holidayinsights.com/other/penguinawareness.htm>

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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: [westervillequiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:westervillequiltguild@gmail.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.

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