



Westerville Quilt Guild

NEWS

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Brenda Ruegsegger & Sue Meek — Presidents - of - the - Month Taming the Scrap Monster



At our next meeting Brenda Ruegsegger and Sue Meek will be hosting a presentation and discussion of how to tame your own personal Scrap Monster

All of us textile artists and sewists are [probably] haunted by the same monster living under our bed (or the bed in the guest bedroom) - that dreaded nemesis known as the Scrap Monster. How did we get to the point where this pile of cast

-off fabric frustrates our best efforts to organize our stash, and functions like a cloud over our heads when we're inspired to start a new project?



Come to the February meeting to talk and share about your strategies for taming your Scrap Monster. Please bring your best ideas, samples and/or photos to share at one of our four stations:

1. Scrap management: What's your preference: by size, by color? What is a scrap anyways?
2. Franken-batting/Franken-backing. Is this a good idea? How do we do it right?
3. Show and tell: Do you have something super-scrappy (a quilt or other useful item) that you haven't shared with us yet?
4. Make and Take - A cute little project to complete as a souvenir of the evening.

In addition, our February FAT QUARTER RAFFLE will be changed into a Scrap Exchange. Instead of bringing a fat quarter, bring a sandwich-sized (or larger) bag of scraps you'd like to pass on. Or bring a fat quarter and a bag of scraps!

There will be a giveaway of scrappy quilt patterns from Daleen's stash, too. Please plan to attend! We will all benefit when we hear about each other and our journeys with scraps!



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

Fun With Fabric 2024

Challenges

Scavenger Hunt - Projects due at November Meeting

Make a quilt (or quilted object) including at least one item from each of the eight categories listed below. How you accomplish this is open to block name, quilting motif, applique, embellishments, your imagination. The more the merrier. There will be a prize for the person who includes the most items.



Pin Ups - Projects due at April Meeting
Display for Quilty Pins: sash, hat, wall hanging, stuffed animal, etc.

Make something to display all of the quilt pins you have collected over the years. Can be anything that will display pins; a small wall quilt, a hat, a sash.

Olympic Challenge - make a quilted object using at least the colors of the Olympic Rings: red, yellow blue, black, green. Use at least three colors from the Olympic Rings. Other colors can be added but the major colors of the quilts should be inspired by the Olympic Rings.



Join in with the Canadian Quilters Association - 2024 Mystery Quilt Along - Oatmeal Raisin.

New clues appear the third Friday of each month through June 2024. We will attach the most recent clues in the monthly WQG Newsletter. Projects due at January 2025 Meeting.

Contact [Shannon Bartlett](#) with any questions.

WINTER	FALL	SPRING	HOUSEHOLD
snowman	moon	flower	sewing notion/tool
snowflake	school	umbrella	fork
mitten	leaf	mortar-board	spoon
Log cabin	sweater	bell(s)	coffee / tea pot
boots	tree	flower pot	cup/mug
shovel	pumpkin	basket	door
fire/ fireplace	crow/raven	cleaning item	window
quilt	corn	children	small appliance
ice	football	grass	phone
thermometer	buckeye	bird nest	lamp

LIVING THINGS	SHAPES	FOOD	SUMMER
cat	circle	cake	shell
dog	triangle	fruit	sandcastle
rabbit	heart	candy	beach ball
bee	diamond	hot dog	firecracker
dragonfly	spade	turkey leg	baseball
ladybug	club	ice cream	sun
fish	zig zag	popsicle	tent
tiger	star	pie	swimming suit
horse	hexagon	bread	sunglasses
deer	cube	cheese	beach umbrella



February's basket is *Lovin' from the Oven!* It includes many cooking themed items. Goodies include: a fat quarter bundle, pattern book, buttons, snips, cutting mat, etc.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Don't forget, you can't win if you don't play.

Service Committee

The Service Committee is continuing to accept pillow cases. If you have any ideas for service projects, please let Jeff know.



QUEEN BEE BLOCK PARTY 2024

The 2024 Queen Bee Block Party has begun. Members will be receiving an email with the dates and other information. There is still time to sign up!

January — Shannon Bartlett — due February
February — Jayne Godsey — due March



Sign up for a meeting this year!
We have several openings to be filled. We need you!



Dues for 2024
are now due!
\$25

2024 Program Sneak Peek



February 27 — Taming the Scrap Monster —
Brenda Ruegsegger & Sue Meek

March 26 — "The Third Trimeter" - Judy
O'Shaughnessy & Ida Dillard

April 23 —

May 28 —

June 25 — usually the picnic month

July 23 —

August 27 — ??? Surprise - Connie Gelfer

September 24 — ??? Surprise - Liz Thorton,
Sherie Lagendyk

October 22 —

December 3 — Holiday Party

This is the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving.



Sunbury Piece Corp Quilt Show

Saturday April 20, 2024, 9 am—3 pm

Sunbury United Methodist Church

100 W Cherry St Sunbury, OH 43074

Members of the quilt group display their complete quilts and small projects. Vendors and demos are available. Boutique (new) items can be purchased as well as items from our Granny's attic (resale).



Fat Quarter Frenzy 2024

February — Lavender, peach, pink - all those sweet, pastel colors of valentine conversation hearts

March — Stripes or geometrics

April — Watery or leafy prints



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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).

2024 Committees

Executive Committee

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

Hospitality:

Kathy Strohm
Kathy Warden
Jo Anne Guthrie

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

Sunshine Committee:

Christina Sidebottom

Workshops/Retreats/Trips:

NO ONE

Fat Quarter Raffle

Ruthie Hoover

Take Down or Put Away Things

Christina Sidebottom

National Pistachio Day — February 26



National Pistachio Day is a nutty day. You can celebrate this February 26 holiday by eating them and learning more about them. We're going to help with the learning part... read on.

Nutty Pistachio Facts:

Pistachios grow on trees. They are native to the Middle East.

It's a long wait to get the first nut. A pistachio tree takes 7-10 years to mature.

California is the major producer in the U.S.

Pistachios are harvested in September by machines that shake the trees. It less than a minute.

The red dye added to the nuts is only due to consumer demand for the color.

Its open hull is unique. The nut is ripe when the hull splits open.

People in the Middle East call it the "smiling nut" and in China, its called the "happy nut".

Pistachios are nutritious, so eat them up!

Did You Know? A business case in the early 2000s considered whether it was economical to sort out unopened nuts and ship them to China so low-cost workers there can saw a slit in the nuts. Then, they would be back to the United States for sale. The business case found it too expensive.

How to Celebrate:

Celebrate today by eating Pistachios. They are great plain as a snack, in ice cream, and a wide range of desserts.

From: <https://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/february/pistachioday.htm>

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. 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.