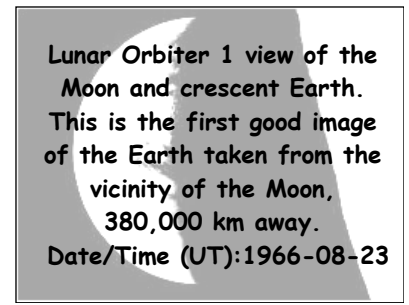




**Westerville Quilt Guild**

# NEWS

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**August 23, 2011**

**Karen Lesueur, President-of-the-Month**

## **Maria Elkins Trunk Show**

Maria Elkins, an art quilter from the Dayton area, will be our speaker at the August meeting. Below is an excerpt from her biography.

I have loved fabric and thread from the time I was very young and my mother let me play with her bag of fabric scraps. My mom taught me to hand embroider when I was five. At nine, she taught me how to use the sewing machine and how to read a pattern. That's all it took.



I can't remember when I was first introduced to quilts. During the few years I went to college I majored in fiber arts and spent hours absorbing every quilt, fiber art, and historical clothing book I could find. I made my first quilt in 1984 while I was expecting our first daughter. It was a 45" x 60" lion baby quilt in turquoise and lavender. I continued reading quilt books and collecting fabric, but I didn't make another quilt again until 1991. That quilt was a feathered star with hand appliqué and hand quilting. That experience made me want to create my own patterns.

"In Answer to Prayer" was my first original quilt, begun around 1995 or 1996. It was a sampler of sorts. My husband graciously modeled for me so I could draw the large warrior angel. In 1998 I gathered up my courage and entered this quilt into the NQA 29th Annual Quilt show, and I was absolutely dumbfounded when it won an Honorable Mention ribbon!



I have made numerous quilts since then. The quilts I make now are all original designs, although I still mostly design quilts in my mind and collect fabric for my dreams.



## Fun With Fabric—July News

Quilt Challenge Fat Quarters - We missed many of you at the July meeting who signed up for the challenge. We will have the fat quarters at the August meeting for you to pick up. The guidelines for the challenge are included with each fat quarter. Of those who picked up their fat quarters we asked if they wanted October or January for the due date. 100% said January, so that is when the project is due. (See page 3 for Challenge Guidelines.)

Fun with Fabric Survey for 2012 - We gave the members present at the July meeting a survey so we can create projects and activities that many of the members would want to participate in. We will continue to distribute the surveys at the August and September meetings. At that time we will put together your info and have the results for the November meeting. It is our hope that we have as many surveys as possible to best meet your wants and wishes.

Free to a good home - As always remember to pick up what has not been taken at the end of the meeting.

STASH - (Stash Accumulated Beyond Life Expectancy) Please remember to pick up what has not sold. Also if you need an envelope for the money we have some.

Orphan Blocks - Keep them coming they seem to be doing quite well.

SECRET SISTERS - We hope that you have been treating your secret sister with wonderful goodies. Please keep in mind, we would like for the gifts to stay near the \$10.00 point, and gifts given 3 or 4 times during the year.

Since there was very little response to the fat quarter exchange we will not be doing it for the rest of the year.

### A Quilter's Poem

"The sink is full of dishes,  
And beds are yet unmade.  
Forgotten are the wishes of my family I'm afraid.  
My mending basket overflows,  
My poor husband has no shirts,  
I really should wash some clothes and do a little work!  
But at my workbench I am busy and happy as a KING  
For I am busy quilting and I HAVE TO DO MY  
THING."

## Newsletter & Web Site Needs...

If you have a business that you would like to advertise on the guild web site please send an email with the information to [Karen Lesueur](#).

The Newsletter really would like to have some more "Meet the Guild Member..." interviewees! So if you have a minute after reading this issue, please go to the web site and find the questionnaire, answer the questions with as much detail as you would like to share, and send it, along with a photo if you have one online, to [Lisa Smith](#) and I'll include it in a future issue of the Westerville Quilt Guild Newsletter.

If you know of a quilt show within easy traveling distance that you think the members would be interested in, send that information to the [newsletter](#) too.

### Charm Square Swap

This month's theme is "School Days" - Pink. As in the past, please use quilt shop quality fabrics cut into a 6" x 6" square. September's theme is "Sports Alive" - your favorite team colors.



## Westerville Quilt Guild

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at The Westerville Medical Campus of OhioHealth, 300 Polaris Pkwy, Westerville, OH 43082, Web Site: <http://www.WestervilleQuiltGuild.com>,

E-mail: [info@westervillequiltguild.com](mailto:info@westervillequiltguild.com)

Westerville Quilt Guild is a "member run" group. Member volunteers serve as "President-of-the-Month" and present the program for that month's meeting. Our dues are \$12 a year.

### Quilt Challenge 2011 Guidelines

- You will receive 1 fat quarter (given out at the July or August meeting.)
- You must use at least 50% of the fat quarter in your project
- There must be some quilting in your final project.
- You must use a minimum of 3 different embellishments. Be creative!!!!
- Think outside the box....It does not have to be a wall hanging! Maybe...a purse, a stuffed animal, a doll, etc.
- There is no size limit and you may use up to 4 other fabrics in your creation.
- Due date: January 2012!
- A prize will be given to the winning project, as decided by a written vote of the members present at the meeting.



**Mr. Frog Wants to Remind You:**

**Wear Your Name Tags or Pay the Penalty!**

### WQG 2011 Programs

August 23 - Karen Lesueur - Maria Elkins Trunk Show

September 27 - Julie Lockard - Beth Schillig "Jeepers Journey"

October 25 - Jayne Godsey & Pat Beeman - Sewing Room Surplus Sale

November 29 (NOTE: week later) - Abby Miller, Ruthie Hoover, Connie Gelfer - Annual Guild Holiday Party

December - No meeting

### Greeters for 2011

August 23 - Susan Edwards

September 27 - Madeline Hansen  
Marsha Young

October 25 - Corinne Vititoe

November 29 - JoAnne Hurst  
Maralina Patton

### Reminder to Greeters

Don't forget that one of the duties of a Greeter is to help with Show 'n Tell by holding the quilts up for viewing while each person is talking about their creation. Thanks!

### Newsletter Information

If you would like to submit an article or "tip" to the newsletter, please send it, either as an attachment or type the text in your email, and send it to me at:

[Newsletter@westervillequiltguild.com](mailto: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.