



Westerville Quilt Guild

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April 28, 2026

Becky Lance — President - of - the - Month

Crazy Quilts



Crazy Quilts had their heyday in the late 1800s. They celebrated an age of progress and today focus on personalizations and embellishments. Crazy quilts became icons of the Victorian era. Women garnished their home accessories with beads, feathers, flowers, and lace. These items reflected their sense of beauty and artistry and naturally included their quilts. Women were also influenced by England's Queen Victoria at the time. She was in mourning of Prince Albert, her husband, and set fashion trends in rich, dark colors and elaborate ornamentation.

At the same time Philadelphia's 1876 Centennial Exposition influenced designs in the crazy quilts. A Japanese Pavilion introduced the concept of asymmetry - a cracked-ice mosaic patterned pathway that also had images of storks, owls, fans, and flowers. Women became enchanted with anything Oriental and began putting these images into their décor, including their

quilts. (From: American Patchwork & Quilting; January 2024)

Crazy quilting is where scraps, stitches, and imagination come together—no strict patterns required.

Instead of perfect symmetry, you will build a block piece by piece and then embellish the seams with embroidery, lace, beads, or whatever you love. Every choice can add color, texture, and meaning.

The joy of crazy quilting lies in its ability to encourage creativity without the constraints of rules or boundaries.



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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: westervillequiltguild@gmail.com

Fun With Fabric 2026

WQG First Daytime Workshop Meeting!

Tuesday, April 14th, was a big success! We had about 11 people show up to sew, cut, or drop off finished "potholders"!

We had the Accuquilt to cut out burp cloths or bibs. Several attendees worked on those, many worked on the potholders, and a couple worked on their own projects.

A good time was had by all!

The next Daytime Workshop Meeting will be May 12th, 1-4 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We will continue the Crazy Quilt ideas from the April Meeting, or you can bring your own projects!

We hope to see you there!

FWF Challenges 2026



OHIO STAR

OhioQuilts!, a statewide quilt guild, issued a challenge for Ohio Star quilts. Quilts can be any size but must include at least one Ohio Star Block. Quilts due at

September meeting.

TEMPERATURE QUILT

A temperature quilt uses quilt blocks over the course of a year (or however long you want) to track the high and low temperatures of each day in a given location. Quilts due at February 2027 meeting.



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2026 Program Sneak Peek



April 28 - Crazy Quilts - Becky Lance

May 26 - Scandinavian Stars — Jenny Burden

June 23 - Stars & Stripes — Kathy Strohm

July 28 - Katy Coffey, Becky Lance, Jeff Bretthauer — Annual Picnic

August 25 - Siddi Kiwandi - Shannon Bartlett & Lisa Smith

September 22 - String Quilts - Judy Theil

October 27 - Sashiko, Japanese Art of Stitching - Christina Sidebottom

November 17 - Janice Baer, et al. — Annual Holiday Party



The April basket's theme is "Rock & Roll!" Fabric, coasters, candy, and more!

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

2026 Committees

Executive Committee

Janice Baer
Shannon Bartlett
Jeff Bretthauer
Beth Gabel
Becky Lance
Kathy Strohm (Treasurer)
Lisa Smith (Newsletter & Website)

Hospitality:

Becky Lance

Fun with Fabric & Service:

Shannon Bartlett
DeeAnn Haworth
Lisa Smith

Keeper of the WQG Quilts & Scrapbooks:

Shannon Bartlett, Scrapbooks
Quilts at St. Paul's

Membership:

Janice Baer
Kathy Warden

Newsletter/Website/Social Media:

Lisa Smith
Janice Baer
Judy Theil

Monthly Opportunity Basket:

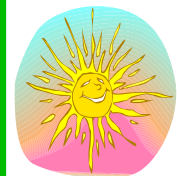
Shannon Bartlett

Sunshine Committee:

Christina Sidebottom

Take Down or Put Away Things

Christina Sidebottom



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: 614-208-2857 (cell).

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Every stitch becomes a celebration of individuality and imperfection, allowing your personality to shine through.

To create a visually appealing quilt, you must consider the overall feel or theme and choose fabrics that complement each other in color and pattern.

The natural sheen of silk, the glossy shine of satin, and the soft, dense pile of velvet add a touch of luxury to the work, while personal embellishments such as nostalgic trinkets, delicate lace trims, elegant embroidery, and flamboyant ribbons make each quilt a unique expression of its creator.

(From: <https://www.needlework-tips-and-techniques.com/>)



Save the dates: AQS Quilt Show - Columbus - September 23-26, 2026

<https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/show/columbus-2026/>

There may be volunteer opportunities for our members, stay tuned.

Save these Dates:

Instructor announcements: April 2026

Workshops, Lectures, Special Events, and Multi-Day Tickets:

Early Member Registration Opens: 6/9/2026 at 10 a.m.

General Registration Opens: 6/23/26 at 10 a.m.

Online Registration Closes: 9/21/2026 at 5 p.m.

AQS Quilt Contest: Learn more

at [go.americanquilter.com](https://www.americanquilter.com) contests, submissions close May 21, 2026

FWF Challenges 2026

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AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION BOM



America 250 celebration
BOM month theme blocks

JAN — Ohio Firsts —
Ohio Star

FEB — Ohio Works —
Monkey Wrench

MAR — Ohio Entertains — Arts Square

APR — Ohio Moves — Propeller

MAY — Ohio Creates — Flights of Fancy

JUN — Ohio Outdoors — Ohio Trails

JUL — Ohio Gathers — Picnic Basket

AUG — Ohio Goes to the Fair — State Fair

SEP — Ohio Plays — Pinwheel Variations

OCT — Ohio Grows — Corn and Beans

NOV — Ohio Serves — Sawtooth Star

DEC — Future Ohio — Bright Hopes

NOTE: There were some errors and omissions on the BOM info already sent out. The corrections will be sent with the newsletter.

For more information on America 250 Ohio go to <https://tka.1c9.myftpupload.com/2026-celebration-themes/>



April 28 — International Astronomy Day

Grab your telescope, look for a dark place and pray for no clouds, as Astronomy Day is upon us. This holiday, celebrated twice a year (April 28 & September 28) is a stellar event. Tonight is a time to look up to the stars. It was established to promote astronomy to the general public. Astronomy clubs and groups use this day and night to help teach people about the stars, and other celestial bodies in the universe. These groups take advantage of this day to offer people a view of the stars through a telescope, if possible.

There is also an Astronomy Week. It begins the Monday before Astronomy Day.

Today is truly an Astronomical day!

Hopefully, you had a good night's sleep last night, as you're going to be up late searching the sky for all that you can see. And, make sure to find a place for viewing that is away from artificial lights that would dim your view of the sky.

- First and foremost, look to the heavens. View the nighttime sky, preferably with a telescope or a pair of binoculars. The moon is always the first thing we see. Under magnification, you can see a lot of the lunar landscape. Then, turn to the planets. How many of these heavenly orbs can you see? Is the telescope big enough to see the rings of Saturn?

- Look in the sky tonight and find the Big Dipper (see image above).

- See how many constellations you can identify in the night sky.

- Go to your local planetarium to see a show. It's out of this world!

- Go to NASA's website to see if the International Space Station (ISS) will go over your area today. If so, look for it.

Also, you can attend an astronomy lecture or class during the day.

"Astronomy compels the soul to look upwards and leads us from this world to another." - - Plato

From: <https://www.holidayinsights.com/other/astronomyday.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.