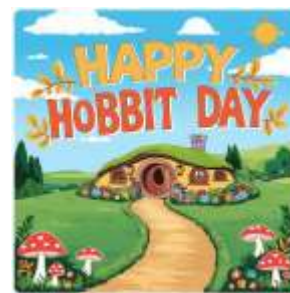




Westerville Quilt Guild NEWS

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September 22, 2026 Judy Theil — President - of - the - Month String Quilts

Around 1880 string quilts became a popular way to use the scraps and long pieces of fabric that were left from commercially made clothing. During the Great Depression and World War II, fabric was a luxury, but many commodities were sold in cotton bags. These bags were saved and made into clothing, and household goods. The scraps and strings left from feed sack projects were used for string quilts. We would consider most of these quilts ugly, but they helped keep people warm during hard times. Today, many of us use our scraps left over from quilting projects to make string quilts. My mini trunk show will show you how you can plan the sewing of your strings to make some unique designs.



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

Daytime Workshop Meeting!

As you probably saw from the Facebook posts, our workdays have been most productive.

And we have a fun time too!

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 1-4 pm. Please join us!

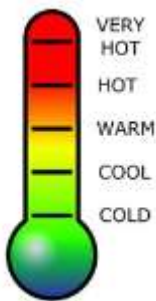
FWF Challenges 2026

OHIO STAR

Reveal Party!!!! The Ohio Star Challenge quilts are due this month. Bring your project for Show and Tell even if it isn't complete. Can't wait to see our interpretations of this classic block.



TEMPERATURE QUILT



We hope everyone is having a breezy time with their temperature quilts. If you are doing this year it is really going to be interesting. (I don't know about your garden, but our tomatoes sadly underperformed in the cold nights!) If you've been working along your 3/4s through after September...stay cool and carry on.

2026 Program Sneak Peek



Septemberr 22 - String Quilts - Judy Theil

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

November 17 - Janice Baer, Jeff Bretthauer, & Connie Gelfer — Annual Holiday Party



September's Basket is *A Mystery!!* It will include the usual suspects... fabrics, patterns, notions, and of course...candy! \$1

per chance or 6t for \$5. Remember, you can't win if you don't play!

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



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



Secret Sisters

Please remember your Sister this month. If you are not going to be at guild, please find someone else to bring your gift. Thanks!



Queen Bee

Please remember to bring this month's block to the meeting.

If you missed last month, look at our text group to get the pattern. Thank you!



Cincinnati, OH (Sharonville)

Sharonville Convention Center

October 15, 16, & 17, 2026

Exhibit Hall Hours:

Thurs. & Fri. 10am-5:30pm

Sat. 10am-5:00pm

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).



September 22 is Hobbit Day Day!

Hobbit Day is today a September 22 holiday to really enjoy. It is the birthday of Frodo Baggins and Bilbo Baggins. They are two of the main hobbit characters from The Lord of the Rings. There also is a Hobbit Week, which occurs on the Sunday through Saturday where Hobbit Day falls.

Hobbits are little guys, and little gals, just two to four feet tall. They are our heroes in the Lord of the Rings movies, performing great acts of heroism and courage. Notably, Hobbits go around barefoot and eat seven meals a day. Indeed, they also like to dance, have parties, and enjoy fireworks.

You can celebrate this special holiday, by going to a Lord of the Rings movie or while reading any of author J.R.R. Tolkien's books that include hobbits. You can hold a Hobbit party.... don't forget the fireworks. You may also choose to walk around barefoot all day. That sounds like fun. As for me, I will celebrate this day by enjoying seven meals.

How to Celebrate Hobbit Day

Here are some ways you can celebrate during this holiday:

- Watch a *Lord of the Rings* movie.
- Better still, binge-watch the entire *Lord of the Rings* movies.
- Hold a birthday party for Frodo Baggins and Bilbo Baggins.
- Eat seven meals today.
- Walk around barefoot.

Today's Quote

"Courage is found in unlikely places." -- J.R.R. Tolkien

History and Origin of Hobbit Day

The American Tolkien Society created this very special day. They proclaimed Hobbit Day and Tolkien Week in 1978. Since then, we celebrate this holiday annually. With a big, big party, with lots of food, dancing, and fireworks. Obviously, Frodo Baggins and Bilbo Gaggins fully support this holiday.

From: <https://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/september/hobbit-day.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.