



# Peaceful Times

NEWS LETTER OF THE GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD  
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## **THURSDAY, March 18, 2010**

**ELKS Lodge** 3520 Holland-Sylvania  
(between Central and Sylvania)

**Doors open at 6 pm; meeting begins at 7 pm.**

**Business Meeting: including election of Interim**

**President and Vice President.** We have nominees, but will accept nominations from the floor at the meeting. (The term will run until the June board meeting.)

Program: **Linda Poole**, "Turkish Appliqué and Bended Bias"

Fat Quarter Raffle Drawing

Show and Tell

### **Please bring the following items:**

**Name tag**, readable and hand made

**Batik Fat Quarters**

**Address Labels** for raffles and door prize

**Finger food snack to share** if your last name begins with **L-R**.

**Show and Tell Quilts**

**Pull tabs** for Ronald McDonald House

If you need a table for a display at the meeting, please contact Debbie Linenkugel or Ellie Grabarczyk to reserve one. Reservations for Tables must be made before the meeting.

## **Charity Night, January 21, 2010**

Charity Night produced over 300 Mended Hearts Pillows and 65 Hospice Comfort Pillows. Many kits were made for Quilts of Valor and Project Linus. Hand quilting at the frame made some progress. The charities were well served and the quilters all had a good time. We received a thank you note from Hospice of NW Ohio.

## **PARKING at Elks Lodge**

Because of limited parking space around the Elks Lodge, note that there is more space just south of Elks in the lot behind the Masonic lodge next door, accessible by a cut through.

## **About Linda Poole, March Speaker**

Destined from an early age to cut apart things, glue, paste, tape, build, and sew all sorts of little things to keep busy, she lived in a home where sewing was as common as cooking. Allowed to use scissors very young, she was taught to sew quite young in life.



She has many interests and

hobbies aside from her passion for quilting, such as an affection for animals. She loves teaching, photography, gardening, reading, snuggling with kitties, dancing, writing, painting, journaling, researching history, traveling, putting puzzles together, watching a good thriller on television, learning, learning and endlessly learning from others!

This should be a fun night, and her classes at Sonflower should expand our skills.

See page 5.

Meanwhile, see her web site:

<http://www.lindampoole.com/index.php>

or visit her blog: [www.lmpoole.blogspot.com](http://www.lmpoole.blogspot.com)

## **Steak or Chicken Dinner with Elks prior to meeting**

The Elks have invited guild members to join them for a steak or chicken dinner for \$7.50 plus beverage at the Elk's Lodge at 6 pm prior to the Thursday, March 18th meeting. If interested, Contact Debbie Linenkugel by Mon., March 15 at [Kugelquilter@gmail.com](mailto:Kugelquilter@gmail.com)..

*Good friends are like Quilts.*

*They age with you,  
yet never lose their warmth.*

## 2009-2010 Board Members

### Executive Board:

*President:* To be elected

*Vice President:* To be elected

*Secretary:* Denise Domanski

*Treasurer:* Nina Riddle

### Committee Chairs:

*Challenge/Fat Quarter Raffle:* Rhonda Kistner

*Historian:* Candy Colleen Rudd

*Membership:* Jill Holt

*Newsletter:* Hattie Kate Howell

*Programs:* Chris Stoker, Ellie Grabarczyk

*Publicity:* Carol Fleitz

*Retreat:* Diana Lindhorst

*Prizes:* Colleen Florkowski

*Refreshments:* Debbie Linenkugel, Wanda Dyer

*Web master:* Peverley Hormann

<pevhormann@yahoo.com>

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## Winning at Quilt Shows

At the January meeting Gretchen Schultz spoke to us briefly about what makes a pretty quilt a winning quilt. First: Binding should be even, well filled, have neat corners, with small nearly invisible stitches on the back. Second: Machine and hand quilting should be even on front and back with straight lines straight and curved lines curved. Third: Pieced points should be precise. Fourth: Puckering on front or back from machine quilting should be avoided.

Do your best rather than rushing to get finished. In summary, competition is partly to please the quilt police whom we usually ignore."

*[Editor's note: I heard at the Dear Jane workshop that "finished is better than perfect;" ignore Dear Jane's advice for judged shows.]*

## Meet the Kugel Quilter !

On March 18 during social hour, Debbie Linenkugel will display the machine quilting frame that she and her husband have designed. The Kugel Quilter works with any domestic sewing machine. They are working on the patent, but will let you check it out. Eventually the Kugel Quilter will be available for sale.

## Committee Reports

**Membership:** Currently we have 137 members.

**Retreat, March 19-21, 2010:** Diana Lindhorst, This will be the weekend after the March meeting and will be a great time for all.

### Fundraising: Wear your Guild T-Shirt

The beautiful sapphire t-shirts with the guild logo embroidered in silvery white were picked up at the January meeting, and orders were taken for those who missed out earlier.

*Don't forget the 50-50 raffle.*

**Challenge:** Have you picked out the color scheme from a package in your cupboard or at the store? This year's guild challenge is based on choosing the color scheme used in a package and make a finished quilt (three layers, quilted, and bound) using that color scheme. See your booklet for details. **Prizes will be \$75, \$50, and \$25 gift certificates for local quilt shops!**

**Programs:** next meeting, May 20, the speaker: Lenore Crawford, Art Quilts  
Fat quarter raffle theme: Spring Florals

**Refreshments:** will be provided by those with last names beginning with the following: **March L-R**, May S-Z. Decaf beverages will be provided.

**Newsletter:** Pieceful Times will be available by USPS (snail mail) or by email to members. The goal for *Pieceful Times* is to be informative, easy and fun to read.  
If you have a **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**, snail mail, e-mail or phone number, please notify Jill Holt, membership chairman.

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## Charity Quilting Opportunities

If you are looking for a group to quilt with, any of those at the charity night welcome help.

Also, Toledo Mennonite Church, Nebraska Road next to new McTigue middle school, quilts on the first Tuesday each month, 9 am - 4 pm. Pot luck lunch. Contact Karen Rupp, 419-382-6144.

Christ Presbyterian Church, Talmadge at Sylvania, quilts 2nd and 4th Mondays from 9:30 - noon.  
Contact Hattie Kate Howell, 419- 531-9167.

You may want to bring your favorite thimble. If you have a group which welcomes newcomers, make up and copy a flyer for the info table.

## Bits & Pieces From Members

From Sheila: I learned the history of 'jelly rolls' in the latest Quilter's Home magazine. Debbie Caffrey, author of "A Can of Worms", had been designing patterns for using 2 1/2 inch strips. In 2005, she was at Intl. Quilt Market in Houston, and spoke to the head of marketing for Moda Fabrics. Debbie had talked to a lot of other fabric companies, and Moda was the only one who actually listened. Within weeks, Moda launched its Jelly Rolls, strips from one collection rolled up and tied with ribbon. It was, and still is, a huge hit.

Sunday after church, a mom asked her daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by and the mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

There's a special quilt exhibition at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in Golden, Colorado. What makes it special is that it's for men only. Titled "Wranglers Among Us: 10th Biennial Men's Show," the event runs through May 2. Acclaimed quilters Ricky Tims and David Taylor will exhibit quilts, as well as others, such as Brian Clements, who does long-arm quilting for hire. His quilts can be seen at <http://www.fellowquilter.com>

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## Florida Quilt Show:

If you are headed to Florida, Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville is hosting "Quilting Natural Florida II" from February 6 - April 25. Check their web site: [www.flmnh.ufl.edu](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu)

It will be great inspiration for the May meeting when the speaker Lenore Crawford will discuss Art Quilting.

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## News from a neighboring guild

**Edyta Sitar**, who spoke to our guild a couple of years ago, will be at Maumee Bay Country Quilters' Guild on Friday, March 12. She will also have a workshop featuring her new book, "Friendship Triangles". A trunk show/ lecture will feature many of her quilts and her story. Contact Londa Burkett for more info at [4everquilting@prodigy.net](mailto:4everquilting@prodigy.net)

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## Minutes

### Emergency Board Meeting Jan. 28, 2010

Meeting was called to order by the Treasurer, Nina Riddle. All Board members were present except secretary, Denise Domanski.

Motion was made by Colleen Florkowski and seconded by Hattie Kate Howell to accept President Chris Olwick's resignation after the January meeting. Motion passed.

Nina read the duties of the President and Vice-President from the by-laws. The board members were each given a copy of the by-laws to study. Any revisions thought necessary will be considered at the February board meeting.

A nomination of Candy Colleen Rudd for interim President was made by Debbie Linenkugel and seconded by Wanda Dyer. Debbie Linenkugel was nominated for interim Vice-President by Hattie Kate Howell and seconded by Wanda Dyer. Voting by the Gathering membership will be at the regular March meeting. Nominations can also be made from the membership. These positions will be from the March general meeting through the June Board meeting. The regular election of officers will take place at the May meeting. At this time, the president, vice-president, and secretary positions are open.

Linda Poole is our March speaker for the Gathering. Board members can meet her at a Dinner held before the general meeting. Doors will open for the general meeting at 6 p.m.

The Gathering membership form needs to be modified next year in order to follow federal guidelines regarding privacy and to show members quilts on the website.

The February board meeting will be held at the Elks. Dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30.

Hattie Kate will ask Peverly to show on the web site the President and Vice Presidents positions as vacant.

Nina will call Denise about the February Board meeting.

Nina has the President's book and post office box key. Ellie will ask Chris to be at the March general meeting and bring the Presidents' box and contents. If elected, Candy will continue the meeting.

Microphone - Colleen, Wanda and Nina will check on the prices of different microphones.

Hattie Kate will include in the newsletter: "If you need a table for the meeting, please contact Debbie or Ellie to reserve one. Tables must be reserved in advance for any nonprofit group."

All committees are to give a report at the February board meeting. Meeting adjourned. Recorded by Diana Lindhorst, secretary pro-temp

## Treasurer's Report

Activity from 10/15/09 to 02/17/2010

Beginning Balance before Encumbered Expenses		\$8,094.13	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Memberships	\$230.00		
Visitors	\$40.00		
Retreat Deposits	\$650.00		
50/50 Raffle	\$93.00		
Fat Quarter Raffle	\$25.00		
Other Raffles (Humane Society, Amy Bulter Pattern)	\$24.00		
Guild Pins Sale	\$25.00		
T-shirts	\$552.00		
Total Current Income	\$1,639.00	\$1,639.00	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Speaker Expense	\$310.72		
Hall Rental	\$250.00		
Memberships Refunded-pd 2x	\$20.00		
Refreshments	\$65.96		
Retreat Deposit (facility)	\$1,140.00		
Newsletter	\$85.58		
Website (12/15/09-06/15/10)	\$41.94		
T-shirts	\$460.70		
Total Current Expenses	\$2,374.90	\$2,374.90	
Check Book Balance		\$5,150.94	
Petty Cash		\$50.00	
CD		\$2,157.29	
Balance before Encumbered Expenses		\$7,358.23	
<b>ENCUMBERED EXPENSES</b>			
Speaker Fees and Travel Expenses	\$1,960.00		
Hall Rental (\$125 per meeting x 2 mtgs)	\$250.00		
Total Encumbered Expenses	\$2,210.00	\$2,210.00	
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		\$5,148.23	
Respectfully Submitted,	Nina Riddle, Treasurer		

## Minutes

### February 18, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to Order.

**Present:** Nina Riddle, Denise Domanski, Jill Holt, Eleanor Grabarczyk, Chris Stoker, Rhonda Kistner, Diana Lindhorst, Carol Fleitz, Debbie Linenkugel, Wanda Dyer, Hattie Kate Howell, Colleen Florkowski

**Absent:** Candy Colleen Rudd (excused)

**Minutes** from January Emergency Board Minutes:

Hattie Kate motioned: Colleen Florkowski 2nd -

Approved

**President Vacancy:** Candy Colleen declined nomination. Colleen Florkowski nominated by Debbie Linenkugel to be interim president until June 2010 Board Meeting. Rhonda Kistner 2nd. Floor open to other nominations. None presented.

**Vice President Vacancy:** Debbie Linenkugel declined nomination. Diana Lindhorst nominated for interim VP until June 2010 Board Meeting.

**Secretary:** No report

**Treasurer:** Nina Riddle presented Treasurer report for 10/15/09-02/17/10 and reviewed where we stood Actual compared to Budget. Motioned/2nd/Approved.

**Challenge:** Rhonda Kistner listed prize amounts to be Gift Certificates as \$75, \$50, \$25. Gift certificates will come from the Quilt Foundry, Sonflower Quilts, and Black Swamp.

Rhonda will announce again at March meeting and

Hattie Kate will put in newsletter.

**Fat Quarter Raffle:** March meeting is Batiks. No other report.

**Historian:** no report, absent

**Membership:** 137 paid members. January was free night. March/May meetings are \$10 (1/2 year)

**Newsletter:** almost completed. Get any items to Hattie Kate.

**Prizes:** Colleen Florkowski will bring door prizes for March 2010 meeting, May meeting and Retreat. She has very nice prizes and will be making at least **two Silent Auction baskets for May meeting.**

**Publicity:** Carol Fleitz reported postcards are going out. Sonflower has been wonderful advertising meetings for us in their newsletter. Toledo Blade has been questionable.

**Programs:** March meeting is Linda Poole. Dinner will be @ 4:30 pm at Eddie Lee's on Monroe Street. Sonflower will be bringing speaker to dinner, we believe. Will be confirmed. Sonflower has contract for Linda. Plan on 4 tables for her. May meeting is Lenore Crawford.

For 2010/2011 Year the following speakers may attend: (no contracts yet)

Judy Sandeman – ugly quilts

Garnett Smalley

Karen Graff – Happy Apple

January – Charity night again?

Fabric Portraits

**Refreshments:** All set with supplies. ELKS would like to invite Guild for Steak night.

Discussion regarding keeping September Potluck tabled until new President elected.

**Retreat:** Diana has 22 people signed up.

**T-shirts:** One order has been placed. Working on second.

### New Business:

- March agenda reviewed/discussed. Gifts for Chris given to Hattie Kate.

- Bylaws need to be updated. Tabled to April Board meeting.

- Thank you note rec'd by Hospice for work done Charity night.

- Show and Tell process is awkward. New President or Vice will give instructions on traffic flow and get the name so can be pronounced clearly.

- Still having microphone issues. Colleen said \$350 for head set. Nina will look into cost of renting from AV supply.

- **Need people for nominating committee.**

- Partner for Ricky Tims Quilt show in April. Will have interested sign up at March meeting for potential car poolers. No bus.

- Board will come up with questions to be on Survey to Guild.

Meeting adjourned.

Denise Domanski



### Sonflower Classes March 19 & 20 with LINDA POOLE

Linda Poole, the author of various books with AQS, will teach on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. They are confident beginner classes.

#### Modena: Friday, March 19:10 am-1 pm An Italian Balcony table runner

Use Linda's Bended Bias techniques to recreate the grill work on an Italian balcony. There is a kit fee. \$40+ supplies

#### Tulip Time: Saturday, March 20: 10 am-3 pm

Learn Linda's glue stick appliqué method while you create this pot of shaded tulips. Kit fee \$14. \$60 + supplies

Register in the shop or by phone with a credit card.

### Looking Ahead to the May Meeting

There will be several **silent auction baskets** with very special prizes available for the May meeting in addition to the fat quarter raffle and door prizes.

#### Election of officers for the 2010-2011 year.

Volunteer to be on the nominating committee if you don't want to serve as officer! We need we need newcomers and veterans to be on the nominating committee.

**Lenore Crawford**, the speaker, will be teaching workshops on "Art Quilting" at Sonflower on May 21-22, 2010. Contact Sonflower for further information or wait for the next issue of *Pieceful Times*.



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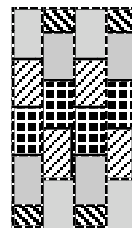
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at guild meetings, or online at  
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### Tips From Quilt Retreats

**Rag quilts**-- When piecing strips of blocks to make flannel rag quilts, stagger the blocks so the seams are easier to sew and trim. Have a half-width strip on one end and reverse the order of alternate strips.



**Lost needle puller** when hand quilting? Tie a string through the rubber needle puller and pin the string near where you are quilting. Re-pin it when your quilting moves on. No more lost round rubber needle pullers!



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