



# Pieceful Times

NEWS LETTER OF THE GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD

THE PURPOSES OF THE GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD ARE  
TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND ART OF QUILTING.

TO EDUCATE INTERESTED PERSONS IN ALL ASPECTS OF QUILTING.  
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MAY, 2010

## THURSDAY, May 20, 2010

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

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

**Business Meeting: including election and  
installation of 2010-11 officers**

**Program: Lenore Crawford: Art Quilts**

**Fat Quarter Raffle Drawing**

**Show and Tell**

**Please bring the following items:**

**Name tag**, readable and hand made

**Spring floral Fat Quarters**

**Address Labels** for raffles and door prize

**Finger food snack to share** if your last name  
begins with **S-Z**.

**Show and Tell and Challenge Quilts**

**Pull tabs** for Ronald McDonald House

## **COLLEEN'S COMMENTS**

Thank you all for your vote of confidence to be interim president. It is an honor and privilege to serve you.

I am always inspired by what I see at Show & Tell each meeting. We are such a talented group and always willing to share our work and knowledge with each other. I remember when Show & Tell was only held at the January meeting! I'm so glad we do it every meeting. It always gives me hope and encouragement to keep "needling" away at whatever I am working on be it a small or large project.

The retreat was another great opportunity for sharing. Besides working on our own projects everyone is always bustling around visiting other tables and learning from each other. Saturday night Show & Tell was fabulous. There were baby quilts, friendship quilts, family and charity quilts, and even a few projects just for ourselves!

With the sharing spirit in mind – please consider sharing your leadership talents with the Gathering. We would love to have you step up alone, or with a friend, to take one of our open positions for next year. Remember we are all willing to share our knowledge and help you out.

Happy Quilting, Colleen Florkowski

## **May Speaker : Lenore Crawford, FABRIC ART**

Lenore Crawford's fabric art combines her love of France, its architecture, and flower gardens along with her passion for color and realism. The texture and warmth achieved from the fabric itself, along with fabric painting, give the art an impressionistic feeling that only this medium can produce. She has won several prizes for her art and continues to develop and grow her medium and style in new and beautiful ways.



*Old Port of Yvoire*

Check her website for a preview, her blog and photos of her work: [www.lenorecrawford.com](http://www.lenorecrawford.com)

Lenore Crawford will be teaching an art quilting class including piecing, painting, and stitching at Sonflower May 22 from 9:30-3:30, cost: \$60 + supplies.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011**

May 20, 2010

Open positions and, briefly, skills needed:

See by-laws on page 5 & 6 in this issue for formal description.

**President:** needs to love the guild and quilting and be able to get along with others with like interests. Holds the group together and keeps meetings moving.

**Vice President:** helps president and program committee.

**Secretary:** records minutes of board and member meetings and gets them to newsletter editor and webmaster in a timely fashion.

**Nominating committee:** knows people and their latent skills and interests and how to flatter people into using those skills for the guild.

All committees are eager to share the fun in order to ensure continuity of the guild.

## Gathering of Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2010

7:00 pm Meeting called to order.

Nina Riddle, current Treasurer announced President Chris Olwick has resigned as the Gathering's President after January's Charity night. Per Article XI Office Vacancies and Special of our Bylaws required elections to be held. Article XI was read aloud to Guild Membership. Note the elections are for interim as the nominated person will serve through the June 2010 Board meeting.

Asked membership to join the nominating committee as their job will be to ask other guild members to become board/committee members, as we need to elect new positions for our next year (2010/2011) at our next meeting.

Board members introduced.  
Rhonda Kistner explained Challenge due at next meeting.

No nominations were presented from the floor.  
Following Candidates were presented to Guild, nominated, voted on, and accepted.  
Candidate for Interim President - Colleen Florkowski  
Candidate for Interim Vice President - Diana Lindhorst

New Interim President Colleen Florkowski led meeting.  
Approval of the minutes from the last Guild meeting.  
Approval of the Treasurer's report.

### Announcements:

**Retreat** this weekend-23 attendees.  
**Nominating Committee** - interested please see Colleen or Diana Lindhorst  
**May meeting** May 20th. Doors open @ 6, Meeting @ 7pm  
**Election & Installation** of new officers  
Voting for **Challenge**: Cooking Colors  
**Speaker**: Lenore Crawford, Art Quilts - Sonflower will have class with Lenore.  
Fat Quarter Raffle Basket Drawing Theme: Spring Florals - 50/50 Raffle  
Show and Tell  
Reminder to Bring:

- Fat Quarters for Raffle Basket: Spring Florals
- Address Labels
- Challenge: Quilted Item AND the box, can or bottle of food that inspired the colors.
- Last names beginning with letters S-Z, please bring a snack to share
- Show and Tell Quilts

**Website** - anything for the website needs to get to Peverley Hormann.

Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar in Cleveland Apr. 29-May 1  
We are promotional partners. Interested attendees should sign up at registration table and maybe we can get a group to go. Cost is \$219 for three-day seminar, concert and quilt show but does NOT include food or hotel.

**Linda Poole's** classes Turkish Appliqués and Bended Bias  
**May meeting** will have minimum of 2 special silent auction baskets.

Show & Tell

Meeting Adjourned.

*recorded by Dense Domanski and Nina Riddle*

## 2009-2010 Board Members

### Executive Board:

*Interim President:* Colleen Florkowski  
*Interim Vice President:* Diana Lindhorst  
*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>

## REPORTS

**Membership:** We now have 141 members, 4 new in March.

**Retreat:** We had 23 ladies attend the quilt retreat this year and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. The tentative dates for next year's retreat have been set up as March 25 - 27 or March 18 - 20. However, Widewater is changing their focus towards people with disabilities and they will get preference over quilt retreats. I have a bottle of Clear Care that was left at the retreat along with some fabric that was not picked up after the garage sale. I will bring these items to the May meeting for the owners to pick up. Diana

**Fundraising:** Don't forget the 50-50 raffle. The guild makes some money and a lucky member wins half the pot.

**Challenge:** While you are cleaning the kitchen or grocery shopping take time to appreciate the skills of the commercial artists' use of color. Then create a quilt of any kind (three layers and finished) using the color scheme seen on a package. By now you should be finishing up your challenge, but you still have a few days to be creative before the May meeting. Bring the inspirational package with your quilt. **Remember:**

**THE PRIZES ARE GIFT CERTIFICATES to  
local QUILT SHOPS for  
\$75, \$50, and \$25.!!!**

## FUN STUFF

from Marjory Wilkin: fun quilting stuff  
[www.homespunhearth.com](http://www.homespunhearth.com)

from [Abbimays.com](http://Abbimays.com)

Murphy's Laws for Quilters:  
*Running out of bobbin thread when you are  
3 inches (or less!) away from the end of a seam*

*A quilt that has to be completed for a birthday in two  
months will take two years to finish.*

*And its corollary:*

*A quilt that has no due date will take only two months  
to complete.*

from the SewFlakes website:

*If I stitch fast enough, does it count as aerobic  
exercise? ~Author Unknown*

From Hattie Kate: history of a fascinating crazy quilt  
by Queen Lili'uokalani, Hawaii's last queen.

<http://archives.starbulletin.com/2003/03/10/features/story1.html>

## NEW QUILT BOOKS AT LIBRARY

*The Aloha Quilt*, fiction, by Jennifer Chiaverini, is a  
good read as her books always are. Nice  
understanding of quilters and of Maui.

*reviewed by HKH*

*Serge & Merge Quilts* by Sharon Rotz [KP '09]: clever  
use of your serger to construct and embellish quilts.  
Contains Nancy Zieman DVD.

*Inchie Quilts* by Nadine Ruggles [AQS '09]: how to  
make miniature works of art, plus how to display  
them. Embellishment ideas are worth reading.

*reviewed by Sheila Painter*

**Camo Quilt Project**, An American Legion Auxiliary  
group has a Camo Quilt Project In Wisconsin. Calling  
themselves Modern Day Rosie the Riveters, they're  
sewing lightweight, waterproof quilts out of  
camouflage fabric to send along with troops. They  
went through training to make sure each quilt is made  
to meet military standards.

**From Sew Thanks web site:**

*Good or bad, yesterday is over, sew... let it go.*

## SOME MORE FUN QUILTING LINKS:

[www.materialgirlquilt.com](http://www.materialgirlquilt.com)

[www.quiltposium.com](http://www.quiltposium.com)

[www.Keepsakequilting.com](http://www.Keepsakequilting.com)

[www.quiltstudy.org](http://www.quiltstudy.org)

[www.shopfonsandporter.com](http://www.shopfonsandporter.com)

[www.hobbylobby.com/weekly](http://www.hobbylobby.com/weekly)

Also fun are the right-hand ads on facebook, if they

know somehow that you are a quilter.

## RETREATS, SHOWS AND AUCTIONS

*Some brochures available at May meeting.*

### 34th Annual Sauder Village Quilt show

April 27-May 2 Archbold OH

[www.saudervillage.com/Creativity/events](http://www.saudervillage.com/Creativity/events)

### AQS at Paducah KY

April 21-24, 2010

[www.americanquilter.com/shows\\_contests](http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests)

### Black Swamp Benefit

June 18-19, Wauseon OH, auction of quality hand  
crafted quilts and woodworking.

<http://www.blackswampbenefit.com>

### Blue Skies Quilt-In

Save these days for a quilt -in: Fri., June 25: 1 - 10  
p.m., Sat., June 26: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Westgate  
Chapel on Wilford at Elmer, just west of I-475/U.S.  
23 and south of Central Ave. Sponsored by Blue  
Skies Quilting and Gathering member Theresa  
Howard. Friday dinner and Saturday lunch provided.  
For more information, pick up flyer at the May  
meeting, Call Theresa 419-874-4500 or email:  
<theresa@blueskiesquilting.com>. web site:  
[Blueskiesquilting.com](http://Blueskiesquilting.com)

### Quilter's Celebration

July 15-17, Marion IN Many lectures and workshops.

See: [www.quiltershalloffame.net/celebration](http://www.quiltershalloffame.net/celebration)

### Appleseed Quilt Show:

Aug. 12-14 Fort Wayne IN featuring classes &  
lectures by Edyta Sitar. See

[www.appleseedquiltersguild.com](http://www.appleseedquiltersguild.com)

### Quilt Retreats by Quality Quilting

#### "Retreat to the Amish"

Aug. 27-29, 2010, Millersburg OH, just 10 minutes  
from Berlin OH in Berlin Hotel & Suite. For more  
information, contact Deb Sendelbach at 419-447-  
7904, email <asdendelbach@wcnet.org> or see  
brochure; no web site.

### Quilt=Art=Quilts 30th Juried Quilt Exhibit

Oct. 31, 2010- Jan. 9, 2011 Auburn NY. See

[www.myartcenter.org](http://www.myartcenter.org) or

[www.schweinfurthartcenter.org](http://www.schweinfurthartcenter.org)

## QSC EXPOS,

### Quilting, Stitches and Crafts Expo

September 9, 10, 11, 2010. Sharonville convention Center, near Cincinnati OH. Vendors, classes beginning Wed. Sept. 8. Seminars, hourly drawings, quilt/wearables contest, make & take booths, charity event and more. To learn more to order tickets, email <info@qscepos.com> or call 1-775-971-9266.

Web: [www.qscepos.com](http://www.qscepos.com)

### Double Wedding Ring Retreat

by Amy Reitzel at Wingate by Wyndham, 5480 South Main Street, Sylvania, OH 43560, **September 17, 18 and 19.**

**\$200 per person** Includes instruction, dinner Friday night, 2 meals on Saturday and lunch on Sunday.

You will be responsible for booking your own room at Wingate, 419-517-2000, we have arranged for special room rates of \$105 per night and can room up to 4 people a room. Breakfast will be included with your room rate.

Learn John Flynn's fun easy method of piecing the Double Wedding Ring quilt. \$100 deposit due by July 15, 2010; Balance due by August 25, 2010 Send reservation payment to: Amy Reitzel, 9047 Yankee Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267, Any questions, call 734-888-1202 or email <adreitzel@verizon.net> with "retreat" in the subject line.

### "Still We Rise Again: Quilts for New Orleans" Houston, TX

This is a juried exhibit featuring quilts that celebrates the unwavering spirit of New Orleans, the Gulf Coast, themes of rebirth, renewal and the recovery of a city devastated five years ago by Hurricane Katrina. Houston, TX. Entries sought for "Still We Rise Again: Quilts for New Orleans".

Quilts will premiere at International Quilt Market & Festival Oct. 30- Nov. 7, 2010.

**Entry deadline July 1, 2010.** You may submit up to two entries for consideration.

**Jurors:** Jennifer Gilbert & Martha Sielman.

Entry form e-mail: [m\\_walter@charter.net](mailto:m_walter@charter.net) or visit [www.aquiltersgarden.com](http://www.aquiltersgarden.com) (Exhibit to benefit appraiser scholarship & conservation workshop for damaged quilts) Questions, contact curator Mary Walter: 1-617-480-6360

## PROMISE QUILTERS

Mary Greeno

At the May guild meeting, the Promise Quilters will display "Golden Promise," the 13th annual raffle quilt benefiting the NW OH Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. Thirteen exquisitely hand-appliqued sampler blocks in rich cream, brown, and gold fabrics have fine machine quilting by Crystal Smythe of Long Arm Lyrics in Tecumseh, MI. Raffle tickets are \$1 a piece or 6/\$5. To date, the Promise Quilters have raised over \$250,000 to fight breast cancer.

Because "Golden Promise", was **accepted in the 41st Annual NQA Show** in Columbus, Promise Quilters have organized a **bus trip to the NQA Show**. Leaving Sylvania at 7 am on Fri., June 18, and returning around 10:30 pm, with one stop in Bowling Green. \$65 includes Lakefront bus and driver's tip, continental breakfast, admission to the show, Karen Kay Buckley's "To Border or Not to Border" lecture, afternoon snack, and dinner at Woody's in Upper Sandusky. Contact: Jane Burns--419-882-8230

## LATE BREAKING NEWS

Annual **International Quilt Exhibition** will be presented by Garnet Smalley at the London (Ontario, CA) Convention Centre from Aug. 9 to 14, 2010 with over 100 quilts from Gee's Bend, classes, and lectures. For info, check [www.cotton-by-post.com](http://www.cotton-by-post.com).

## THANK-YOU NOTE:

*Thank you so much for having me come and lecture for your guild. You all are filled with such amazing talent and I just loved seeing your 'Show & Tell' ~ my favorite part! Many Thanks, Linda M. Poole  
Come visit my blog: [www.lmpoole.blogspot.com](http://www.lmpoole.blogspot.com)*

## NUTTY CRACKER DELIGHT

prepared by Judy Reiss for the March meeting, from from an old *Taste of Home*, premier issue of *Quick Cooking*.

Heat oven to 350°

15" x 10" jelly roll pan, line with foil and spread 1 roll (42) club crackers in a single layer on foil

1 c slivered almonds, spread evenly over crackers  
1/2 c butter melted on medium heat in heavy sauce pan

1/2 c sugar stir in and heat to boiling, stirring constantly; boil 2 minutes

Remove from heat and add 1 tsp vanilla

Spoon syrup evenly over crackers and nuts

Bake at 350° for 10 - 12 minutes

Let cool, then break off the foil.

Be aware that these can be habit forming.

## Amendment of the By-Laws concerning terms of office of the

### ARTICLE XIII Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended or revised by a **two-third vote of those members present**. Copies of the proposed amendments/revisions shall be given to members in writing no less than two (2) weeks prior to the meeting in which the vote will be taken.

**Note:** [~~strike through is the original~~ and the underlined is the proposed new wording.]

### ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. Elected officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They may serve a maximum of ~~2 consecutive terms~~ One two-year term in any one office. Elected officers of The Gathering of Quilters Guild shall be trustees. Trustees shall act as trustees only on those matters submitted to them as trustees by the members. The trustees shall have no other authority to act on behalf of the corporation.

Section 2. The term of office shall be for two years from close of the May election ~~through the election the following year and shall be elected annually~~ during the organization's general membership meeting which is held in May.

President and Secretary will be elected in even years for two-year term and Vice President and Treasurer will be elected in odd years for two year term. [Exception, VP in 2-10-11 will be elected for one year.]

*The logic for this amendment is to create continuity for operation of the guild from year to year, so the whole executive board is never all inexperienced.*

## MINUTES FOR GATHERING BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Carol Fleitz, Colleen Florkowski, Hattie Kate Howell, Rhonda Kistner, Diana Lindhorst, Nina Riddle (Kelly Jackson by telephone)

**Excused:** Chris Stoker & Ellie Grabarczyk, Jill, Candy Colleen Rudd, Debbie Linenkugel, Wanda Dyer

### Reports

**Minutes** from February Board meeting were approved, **Treasurer's** report will come after Tax Day!

**Membership:** 141 members, 4 new in March.

Membership form for next year will be revised to allow a roster within privacy guidelines for non-profits.

**Newsletter:** Mostly ready. Charge for ads will begin next year. Whole page \$40, business-card size \$5.

**Retreat:** 23 attended. Site or date may need to be changed next year. Discussed was the possibility of a one day or drop-in retreat.

**Challenge:** winner's gift certificates 1st, \$75 to Quilt Foundry, 2nd \$50 for Sunflower, 3rd \$25 to Black Swamp. Next year's challenge is being planned and will be announced in the program booklet.

**Historian:** no report. Archives need to be saved for history and corporate memory.

**Fundraising:** A second order for t-shirts has been sent.

**Program:** Tentative for 2010-11

Sept.- Garnet Smalley, topic to be announced in program book

November- Karen Graff, Happy Apple

January - Charity Night

March- Judy Sandman, Ugly Fabric Quilt

**Members should Bring a fat quarter of an ugly fabric to the September meeting, and the speaker will create a quilt to use in the March meeting.**

May- Aniko Feher, Fabric Portraits

**Publicity:** Info is ready to send. It was suggested to send the info also to nearby Quilt Guilds

**Refreshments:** Wanda and Debbie intend to continue next year. If you need tables for nonprofit display, contact Debbie a few days before the meeting. May-S-Z bring snacks.

**Nominating:** chair was present by telephone. We need a VP nominee, Publicity chair, Program committee members to learn the ropes during 2010-11. Colleen and Nina are willing to continue as Pres. and Treas. unless there are willing, able volunteers. Carol Fleitz is willing to be Sec'y if elected. Cathy Frick will do Prizes. Rhonda will continue with the fat quarter raffle, challenge and program book.

### Other matters

**Microphone:** Rental is too expensive. Colleen will check with Black Swamp Guild about their system, but has found a system (a demo) similar to what she uses at work for \$499.

**Gathering Stash Raffle (GSR):** will be voted on by members at meeting.

**Promise Quilt:** Mary Greeno will display this year's quilt and sell raffle tickets at the May meeting.

**Silent Auction:** Three baskets were assembled.

**Contracts** for next year speakers and Elks need to be checked and preliminary budget to be prepared, based on this year's expenditures and income.

**By-law amendments:** see attached article.

**Election of officers:** See attached article.

**Year End Reports:** At the June Board meeting, each officer and committee must turn in a report showing what costs and duties really were. What worked and what didn't, so that the next year there is some guidance for the new or continuing officers and chairmen.

**A questionnaire** to determine members' interests and preferences is being prepared by Rhonda Kistner for the May meeting.

Meeting concluded at 9:30

*Recorded by Hattie Kate Howell*

*The next issue of Pieceful Times will be published late August, after the August board meeting.*

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS

EXCERPT FROM BY-LAWS: Article IV

### **President Duties**

- a) *preside at all meetings of the Executive Board, Full Board, general meetings of the organization, and any special meeting.*
- b) *appoint committee heads.*
- c) *co-sign with the Treasurer checks in excess of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.*
- d) *co-sign with the Secretary all contracts approved by the Executive Board.*
- e) *serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except that of the nominating committee.*
- f) *call special meetings when necessary.*

### **Vice President Duties**

- a) *When necessary due to absence or other reason perform the duties of the president.*
- b) *introduce speaker assist the program committee when required.*

### **Secretary Duties**

- a) *record the minutes of all board and general membership meetings.*
- b) *co-sign with the president all contracts approved by the Executive Board- have a record of members in good standing.*
- c) *submit minutes of board & general meetings to newsletter editor for publication.*

Nominated at the board meeting were

**President:** Colleen Florkowski

**Secretary:** Carol Fleitz

**Treasurer:** Continuing, Nina Riddle

**STILL NEEDED, Vice President, Publicity, and program committee members** helping and in training for the next year.

**Nominations from the floor will be welcomed at the meeting.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity from 02/18/2010 to 04/22/2010

Beginning Balance <u>before</u>		
Encumbered Expenses		\$7358.23
<b>INCOME</b>		
Memberships	40.00	
Visitors	10.00	
Retreat Deposits	\$1,180.00	
50/50 Raffle	28.50	
Fat Quarter Raffle	81.00	
Guild Pins Sale	5.00	
T-shirts	108.00	
Total Current Income	\$1,452.50	\$1,452.50

### EXPENSES

Speaker Expense	\$1096.44	
Hall Rental	125.00	
Dry-erase board, markers	42.60	
Newsletter	28.73	
Retreat, rent, prizes, food	1,588.26	
Erie Insurance (Business ins.)	235.00	
Total Current Expenses	\$3,116.03	\$3,116.03

Check Book Balance	\$3487.41
Petty Cash	\$50.00
OD	\$2,157.29

Balance <u>before</u>		
Encumbered Expenses		\$5,694.70

### ENCUMBERED EXPENSES

Speaker Fees + Travel Expenses	\$710.00	
Hall Rental (\$125 May meeting)	125.00	
Challenge quilt Prizes	150.00	
Total Encumbered Expenses	\$985.00	\$985.00

ENDING BALANCE		\$4,709.70
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