



PIECEFUL TIMES

NEWSLETTER 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.

SEPTEMBER, 2010

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EDITED BY HATTIE KATE HOWELL

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Doors open 6pm, meeting begins 7pm
Elks Lodge, 3520 N. Holland Sylvania
(between Central & Sylvania)

Business meeting, Program, Fat quarter raffle, Show & Tell, Refreshments

Bring:

Dues and Membership form, filled out

Fat Quarter for raffle: patriotic theme (new, all cotton, 18" x 22")

Name tag Handmade, readable

Address labels for raffle tickets

Refreshments: finger food, if your last name begins with: A-F

Pull tabs from pop & soup cans for Ronald McDonald House

Show & Tell (what you did this summer!)

Fabric (any size, preferably ugly!) to the Sept. meeting so we can send it to Judy Sandman, our March speaker. She will have time to make the quilts that she will show when she speaks. She donates to charities the quilts she makes with our ugly fabrics.

See details inside.

Thursday, September 16, 2010 Program

Aloha! Garnet Smalley, owner Cotton by Post quilt shop, London, Ontario in Canada, who has given programs about Russian, Kenyan, and Irish quilts, will present a program on Hawaiian quilts. This will be special, so bring your friends to join us.



Executive Board:

President - Colleen Florkowski

VP - to be elected at September meeting

Secretary - Carol Fleitz

Treasurer - Nina Riddle

Committee Chairs:

Membership - Jill Holt

Programs - 10/11 Ellie Grabarczyk

Chris Stoker,

11/12 - Kathy Stein

Newsletter - Hattie Kate Howell

Retreat - Diana Lindhorst

Prizes - Cathy Frick

Amy Reitzel

Fat quarter Raffle/ Challenge - Beth Rohrbacher

Historian - Ruth Wood

Publicity - Billie Szymanski

Refreshments - Debbie Linenkugel

Wanda Dyer

Web Master - Peverley Hormann <pevhormann@yahoo.com>

COLLEEN'S COMMENTS

Message from the President - Summer 2010

Hello Ladies. I hope you have had a productive summer and kept yourselves cool, unless you like all this heat and humidity ;o)

I have been doing a little machine quilting on some four seasons wall hangings for my son, finished a Wizard of Oz quilt top for my granddaughter's fourth birthday, sent it to the long arm machine quilter, who did a darling job, and now it just needs to be bound. I also finally pieced the backing for my blue and yellow Magic Carpet top and sent it to the same long armer. I told her I didn't need it back until Sauder's and/or Kaleidoscope which will be coming up in July, 2011. What do you plan to put in these upcoming shows?

Did you make it to any quilt shows this summer? I went to NQA in Columbus and ran in to several of you there. It was a beautiful show – as always. I really liked the group portrait one of the guilds did and hung together. It was fascinating to see everyone's interpretation of themselves. Ann Arbor had a nice show. The vendors were great too. I know I did my share to help the economy!

Because of family birthdays, and foot surgery, I haven't been to Garnet and Suzanne's up in Canada, yet. I am going next week and hope to find out what international country they are presenting for next August. We will all find out at our September meeting. **By the way, the board decided to change the potluck back to January so we don't have a bottleneck at the door with our first meeting - so just bring yourselves and your projects.** We know you will all be anxious to see each other again - just like the first day of school - which is actually right around the corner for me.

Keep quilting, and see you with all your summer "produce" in September.

Colleen



Vice President Election For personal reasons, Theresa Howard has resigned, so there will be an election of VP at the September meeting. Kelly Jackson has accepted nomination, but there will be nominations from the floor at the meeting. This will be a one-year term. The duties of VP are:

- a) When necessary due to absence or other reason perform the duties of the president.
- b) Introduce speaker.
- c) Assist the program committee when required.

Nominating Committee: if you know the members of the guild and want to avoid becoming an officer, then nominating committee is for you. Contact Pres. Colleen.

Membership: to avoid standing in line, please have your 2010-11 membership form completed and have your payment of \$20 dues, either cash or check made out to *Gathering of Quilters Guild*, ready at the door.

Refreshments: this year the potluck will be in January rather than in September.

Program Books: to save postage, they will be distributed at September meeting when you pay your dues.

Programs 2011-12

Kathy Stein is looking for input from the members regarding speakers or teachers you have heard elsewhere that we as a group might be interested in for a program.

Charity quilts

Blue Skies Quilting & Gifts is a non-profit quilt shop located at 422 Louisiana, Perrysburg, OH 43551. They are currently making a quilt for the seven year-old girl who lost her parents and brother in the tornado. If you know of someone suffering unusual hardship, a request for a comfort quilt can be sent to the Board of BSQ&G. Four Bernina Sewing Machines are available for use at the shop on Tuesdays through Saturday, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Theresa Howard, Director

Project Linus Update

For those unfamiliar with Project Linus, it is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need, through gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans lovingly created by volunteers. We have just added Mercy Children's Hospital to our donor list in addition to Toledo Children's Hospital and Lucas County Child Services (foster children). You can help by making a blanket – quilts, crocheted, knitted, or fleece. Blankets can be as small as 36" x 36" but the majority of the blankets are about 40" x 60", or what is called "crib size." Larger twin size for teens are also appreciated. The blankets need to be handmade

and made out of new, washable, child-friendly materials. Visit the national website for blanket ideas and patterns at www.projectlinus.org

NEW this year are quilt top kits available at the guild meetings. All that cutting we did on the community service night and sewing at National Blanket Day has resulted in quilt top kits you can take home, sew and return to us. Look for our table at the September meeting. We will also have the flip and sew kits available.

Thanks for all of your support. We have surpassed the 3000 mark in donated blankets since 2006 and are now over 3500! The children just love them and we keep getting positive comments from our donor locations. Keep up the great work!
Nancy Bussing

Note from United Methodist Living Faith in Holland, OH: In Vacation Bible School, we made fleece blankets. Instead of sending them overseas, we donated them to Project Linus, and the 6-9-year-old children collected over \$150.00. Members of the church donated some of the fleece. Sunday school this fall plans to use 10-15 minutes each week to make blankets.
Billie Szymanski

Shows:

All Saints Lutheran Church, 5445 Heatherdowns, Toledo is having its annual quilt show, Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6, 2010. Hours are 9am-3pm daily, lunch available, handcrafts and bake sale. No admission charge. *Gretchen Schultz*

Toledo Mennonite Church, 5501 Nebraska Ave, next to the new McTigue Middle School, will have its annual quilt show Friday and Saturday, October 29 & 30. Lunch will be available. Admission is your donation. For more details, call *Karen Rupp*, 419-382-6144

Special events:

Patsy Thompson, machine quilter extraordinaire, will be at the *Quilt Foundry*, 234 W. Wayne Street, Maumee, on Saturday, September 11, 2010, for a book signing. She will talk briefly and show her work from her two new books. Come to meet her and visit from 10:30-1:30pm.
Gretchen Schultz

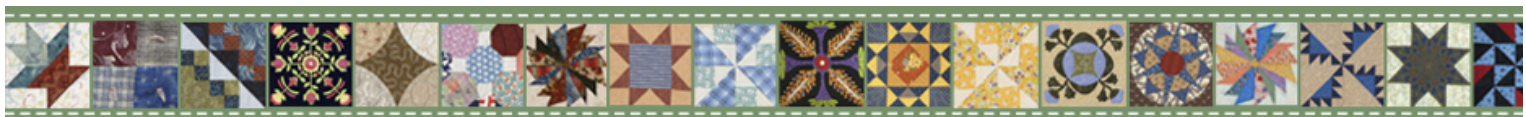
Cute or Interesting Stuff

The crowded store

"It was the day of the big sale. Rumors of the sale (and some advertising in the local paper) were the main reason for the long line that formed by 8:30, the store's opening time, in front of the store.

"A small man pushed his way to the front of the line, only to be pushed back, amid loud and colorful curses. On the man's second attempt, he was punched square in the jaw, and knocked around a bit, and then thrown to the end of the line again. As he got up the second time, he said to the person at the end of the line...

"That does it! If they hit me one more time, I won't open the store!"
Marjory Wilkin



A Losantville woman, near Indianapolis, IN was impressed with the **quilt-painted barns** she saw while on vacation. Wanting to share her hobby of quilting, she had an 8 foot square painting of a quilt square hung near the peak of her husband's large tool shed for all to see!

Sheila Painter

Did you know that the last queen of Hawaii, **Queen Liliuokalani**, in 1893 created an amazing crazy quilt during the eight months she was imprisoned in her bedroom in the Iolani Palace? It can be viewed in the palace which is now a museum in Honolulu.

Hattie Kate Howell

For Sale:

Cutting table for sale. It's a folding table, 34-3/4" tall, 31-7/8" wide, by various lengths: 13" folded, 36-1/4" with one side up, and 59-1/2" when both sides are up. It has locking wheels and a storage shelf, with sides so to contain hidden goodies underneath. \$20/obo. Contact Annie at anne@8canterbury.com or 419-206-0485.

Challenges:

Gathering of Quilters Guild 2011 challenge

Theme: **Putting on the Ritz**

Regardless of whether you lean towards traditional patterns or art quilts, this challenge will allow you to flex your creative muscle in a unique way with things that dangle, sparkle, or excite! The challenge has two parts.

Part 1 - Your quilt must utilize at least two embellishments. The following list offers examples of embellishments, but is not meant to limit your creativity. So if you have an idea not on the list, go ahead and use it.

Possible embellishments: beads, buttons, dimensional applique (ex. Yo-yos), decorative stitching, fabric manipulation (ex. pin tucks, ruching), trim (ex. cording, rick rack, silk ribbon), embroidery, yarn, decorative thread, pins, jewels, jewelry, charms, photos, paint/paint sticks, stamping, stenciling, letters, photographs, lace, sequins, fibers, glitter...

Part 2 - Your quilt must have an unusual edge or binding (ex. one edge is curved, the quilt is not the traditional square or a rectangle, prairie points, raw edge bindings, etc.)

Prizes will be awarded in the amounts of : 1st Place - \$75, 2nd Place- \$50, and 3rd Place - \$25. Please honor the spirit of the challenge and only enter quilts completed after May, 2010. Thanks and have fun!

Sauder Village Challenge for the annual quilt show in Archbold. OH, Tuesday, April 26 – Sunday, May 1 "Flight of Imagination" Wall hanging between 24" and 36" using fabrics designed by Marcia Derse. www.marciaderse.com. The kits are available at the Threads of Tradition quilt Shop. for more information check www.saudervillage.org

Kaleidoscope

Using the theme "Kaleidoscope of Colors" and fabrics from a packet, make a small, less than 24" quilt. The show will be in July 15-16, 2011 in Sylvania, OH. For more information check www.gcqc.org

Call for volunteers:

If you are interested in planning a **one-day quilt retreat** in the Toledo Area, or have some ideas for venues, contact Colleen Florkowski.

If you have some new ideas for **fundraising projects** for the guild, contact Nina Riddle or Colleen Florkowski. One idea that needs leadership is to have a block of the month (or two-months). We need more funds and more participation.

Display Tables

Displays at tables will be limited to two and need to be reserved at least one week ahead with Debbie Linenkugel. Non-profits are free, but commercial displays will charged a fee. See August 2010 board minutes.

Looking ahead:

Fat Quarters: November-polka dots; January- landscapes (clouds, trees or rocks, etc.); March- baby/juvenile; May-up north (woodlands, wilderness or arctic etc.)

Programs:

November 18: Sharon Grof of Happy Apple Quilts
January 20: Potluck, mini demos, vendor market. Contact Eleanor Grabarczyk or Chris Stoker if you would like to lead a make-it take-it demo.

March 17: Judy Sandman quilting with ugly fabrics
May19: Aniko Feher, Closet Quilter to Portrait Artist. (This program may be inspiration to the 2012 challenge, which will be portrait art quilts)

Pithy Quilter Quotes

from "Australian Stitches"

A good reason to buy fabric is:

1. It keeps without refrigeration.
2. You don't have to cook it to enjoy it.
3. You never have to change it or wipe its nose,
4. or walk it.

Quilts for babies, Quilts for kids, Quilts for friends
Quilts for commissions,

Quilts for classes, Quilts for grandbabies,
Quilts for Charity Quilts, Quilts for pets, Quilts for parents
Let's All Say "I'm Making a Quilt for Me"



Gathering of Quilters General Meeting May 20, 2010 Minutes

Motion to approve **Minutes**: accepted
Motion to approve changes to **By-laws**: accepted

Slate of officers accepted as offered

President: Colleen Florkowski

Vice President: Theresa Howard

Secretary: Carol Fleitz

Treasurer: Nina Riddle Publicity: Billie Szymanski

Photos/historian: Ruth Wood

Programs: Kathv Stein

Retreat w/Theresa Howard, Register by 6-1,

Privacy Nina: question of listing of contact info will be incorporated into membership form. The information will be posted in membership roster or members may opt out.

Jill Holt: 141 members at end of year. Member Survey explained. Please return ASAP, accepted at September meeting.

Newsletter: let Hattie Kate Howell know if you are not receiving newsletter.

Program details will be in newsletter. Note: September meeting bring ugly fabric in any size to give to future speaker.

Challenge 2011: project must be related to portrait quilt. Any size, realistic to abstract.

Program booklets will be provided in 2010-11

Fat quarter basket and **Challenge** chairs are Beth Rohrbacher and Candv-Colleen Rudd

Retreat: Diana Lindhorst- 23 attended retreat in March. Widewater Center is changing its focus. Retreat will be 2nd to last or last weekend in March.

T-shirts are sold out.

Prizes: Kathv Frick and Amv Reitzel

Refreshments: Wanda Dyer and Debbie Linenkugel They set up room. Let Debbie know if you need a table at least two weeks ahead of meeting.

Sauder entrants and winners were asked to stand to be recognized.

Ann Arbor quilt show is in July

NQA in June

Sheila Painter states there will be a trunk show and lecture from Mary Lou Hallenbeck June 10 at Simpson building in Bowling Green

Promise quilt: this is 13th quilt, tickets available. Table-top quilts are selling for \$30.

Black Swamp Quilt Benefit Bazaar June 19 at Fulton County fairgrounds.

Amy Reitzel: retreat Sept 19-21, 2010. John Flynn method of double wedding ring.

Toledo Mennonite Church quilt show in fall. No further info available.

Nancy Bussing: Remember Project Linus over summer.

Pillowcases: Sonflower quilts is taking part in the million pillowcase challenge. Go to the shop for more details.

Quilts of Valor received its official status from government.

September potluck: vote to continue potluck in September: yes Change to salads and desserts only: no Stash Raffle will return next year.

Show and Tell

Denise Domanski

[Editor's note: There have been a few changes since the May meeting, such as the challenge, programs, refreshments and officers. See articles and September summary for updates]

May 2010 Amendment of the By-Laws concerning terms of office

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. Elected officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They may serve a maximum **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 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 2010-11 will be elected for one year.]

The Gathering of Quilters Board Meeting

June 17, 2010

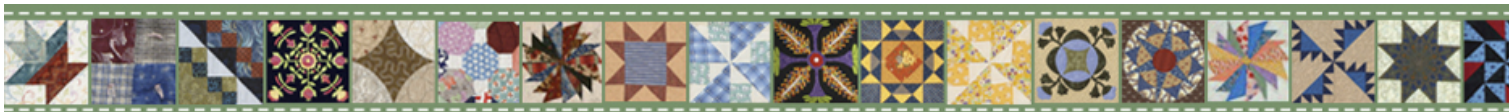
At 7:00p.m. in the home of President Colleen Florkowski, 11 members were present.

Colleen asked for a motion to approve the **minutes** of the April 15th Board Meeting. Ellie Grabarczyk made a motion to approve the minutes and Rhonda Kistner seconded the motion. Vote taken - minutes approved.

Treasurer Nina Riddle presented the current Treasurer report with a June 2010 balance of \$4,850.35 (a combination of checkbook balance and CD with 5th/3rd Bank). The final 2009-2010 budget report was given showing a loss of \$786.63. Ellie Grabarczyk and Debbie Linenkugel volunteered to do the 2009-2010 Audit. Nina will fill out and return the 990 Non Profit form sent to us by the IRS.

Fat Quarter Raffle: General discussion followed regarding the Fat Quarter raffle. A motion was made by Hattie Kate Howell and seconded by Diana Lindhorst to put in the Newsletter and Membership Booklet a statement that the fat quarters donated should be 100% cotton material only. Vote taken and approved Beth Rohrbacher, Chairman will be given this information.

Newsletter: Hattie Kate Howell asked that announcements and reports be sent to her by the second week of the month of the Board Meeting. Discussion followed regarding commercial ads. Nina Riddle made a motion to charge for commercial ads. Diana Lindhorst seconded the motion. Vote taken and approved.



Program: Ellie Grabarczyk said she would get more information about the ugly material to be brought to the September Meeting from the March Speaker - Judy Sandman. Rhonda Kistner volunteered to quilt it if we are given the quilt top.

Program 2011-2012: Kathy Stein will be looking into programs for next year.

After **discussion** it was decided to have snacks only at the September Meeting. There is a list of the 2010 and 2011 meetings and Tentative Speaker's in the May Newsletter. The only current change is the January Meeting. It has been decided by the Board to have a Mini-Demo night along with a potluck supper. Ellie Grabarczyk and Chris Stoker will contact volunteers to do a Demo.

Program Book Rhonda Kistner will again do our Program Book. [requesting that it be passed out at the September meeting to save postage]

Survey Rhonda went over the results of 54 surveys that members filled out at the May General Meeting. Discussion followed about the **business meeting** at our regular bi-monthly meetings. 1. before speaker, 2. after speaker, 3. at a separate nightly meeting. Discussion tabled until the August 26th Board Meeting. Comments and Complaints should be given to the President.

Historian Candy Colleen Rudd will contact Ruth Wood (new historian) to pass along the Camera etc.

Prizes: Colleen reported that Cathy Frick and Amy Reitzel are in charge of prizes this year.

Greeters: Rhonda Kistner and Candy Colleen Rudd have volunteered to be "Greeters" before all monthly meetings.

Vice President: Theresa Howard will be the "contact" person for the meeting place, Speaker and meeting set-up.

Membership: Jill Holt inquired if a new roster should be printed. A yes answer from everyone. Currently there are 141 members.

Retreat: Diana Lindhorst spoke to Eric at Widewater regarding a Saturday only attendee at the retreat. He said it would be okay and the cost would be approximately \$20.00 for Lunch and supper. Possible dates for the 2011 Retreat are March 25-27th or March 18th to 21st.

Meeting Place Location: Colleen reported she has been looking into a possible new location for the Gathering. Negative issues at the Elks brought up were parking, small stage, lighting, microphone. Having checked some locations Colleen rechecked St. Clement's Hall on Tremainsville in West Toledo. They would rent to us at \$150.00 a month which would include more parking, a larger stage, better microphone system and lighting. Much discussion followed. Debbie Linenkugel volunteered to talk to the Elks about a larger stage, a better microphone system and a point person to talk to when problems arise. She will report back by July 5th. The Board will be notified by email of the results.

The Guild will continue to collect **pop can tops** for the Ronald McDonald House.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00p.m.

Minutes submitted by *Carol Fleitz*, Secretary

The Gathering of Quilters Board Meeting

August 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of President Colleen Florkowski. There were 14 members present

The June 17 Board Meeting **minutes** were passed to members. Colleen asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. Kathy Stein made a motion to approve the Minutes and Billie Szymanski seconded the motion. Vote taken. Minutes approved.

Introductions were made to new members of the Board.

Treasurer Nina Riddle asked the committee members to submit their budget needs for 2010-2011 The 2009-2010 **audit** was completed and found in good order by Debbie Linenkugel and Ellie Grabarczyk

Fat Quarter Raffle: Beth Rohrbacher announced the fat quarter themes for meeting will be September: patriotic, November: polka dots, January-landscapes, March: baby/juvenile, and May: up North. Depending on the number of fat quarters brought in, they will be divided into more than one basket for the raffle. The 2010-2011 challenge will be "Putting on the Ritz" Challenge information will be passed out at the meeting and in the newsletter.

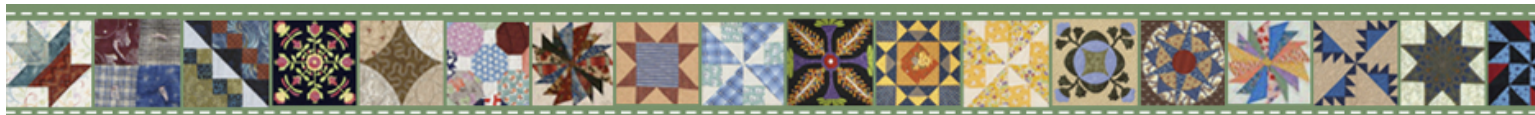
Historian. Ruth Wood was given a CD of pictures taken by Colleen at the May meeting

Membership Jill Holt passed out a sample of the new Membership Form. The form will be included in the September Newsletter. Jill would like the membership form filled out and payment made at the September meeting

Newsletter: Hattie Kate Howell was asked by President Colleen to put a notice in the upcoming newsletter that a 1-year position for Vice President is open due to the resignation of Theresa Howard She was also asked to send out an email to notify members to check the website for Sept meeting details. Those without internet access will be mailed information by USPS. Hattie Kate is also looking for paid ads to help subsidize the cost of the newsletter.

Program book: Rhonda Kistner reported that the program books will be passed out at the September meeting at the check in table when dues are paid.

Programs Eleanor Grabarczyk reported that Garnet Smalley the Speaker for the September meeting sent Colleen the contract Colleen gave it to Eleanor. He will be bringing quilts from Hawaii. Ugly quilt fabrics are to be brought to the September meeting so that the March speaker, Judy Sandman, will make quilt tops made with the ugly quilt fabric and show them at the meeting. The quilt tops will be made into quilts and donated to charities of her choice.



January will be Mini Demo/Vendor night. For a \$10 fee members or businesses can rent a table to sell their wares. The Potluck will be at the January meeting. Time frame for demos will be decided at a later date. It was suggested if a Vendor wanted a table to sell products, they should contact Colleen

Programs-2011-2012: Kathy Stein reported she is still looking for possible speakers

Publicity Billie Szymanski showed a rough copy of the post card that will be made to pass out to Quilt Shops and guilds.

Retreat Diana Lindhorst reported that the Retreat will be late March. More information will be available at the November meeting. Discussion followed about members wanting to go to the Guild Retreat in March for Saturday only. Decision is going to be based on number of members attending the full weekend to be sure everyone has enough room to work comfortably Colleen will ask for a new committee chair to look into a one day retreat for members in the Toledo area if enough members are interested.

**If you would like to advertise in Pieceful Times,
the rates are**

\$40 for a full page

\$20 half page

\$10 quarter page

\$5 for business card size.

Graphics and logos welcome at no additional cost.

Refreshments Debbie Linenkugel and Wanda Dyer asked that members with the last name starting from A-F bring snacks to the September Meeting.

Old Business Discussion followed regarding staying at the current location, The Elks, or moving to St Clement Hall It was decided by the Board members to stay at the Elks.

New Business: Discussion followed regarding a one week notice be given to the Guild if a Vendor or an organization for a charity raffle needed a table to be set up at one of the meetings Also suggested was to limit it to 2 outside raffles at a meeting.

Debbie Linenkugel has volunteered to look into possible Block of the month project that might bring in some income for the Guild.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9.15 by Colleen. She also announced that the next Board Meeting will be Thursday October 21.

Minutes submitted by *Carol Fleitz*, Secretary

Proposed budget for 2010-2011 will be available at the September meeting, as will the **Treasurer's report.**

THE GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD

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Gathering of Quilters Membership Form 2010-2011

Please print or use an address label

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. I give permission for the above information to be published in a roster booklet to be distributed only among members of the Gathering of Quilters Guild and will not be passed out to outside sources to be used for any type of solicitation. __Yes __No

2. I prefer to receive the newsletter by regular mail. ____
I will print the newsletter from the website. ____

3. I give permission for my quilt to be photographed and published on the guild website. Yes No

* If answered yes, I understand it is my responsibility to inform photographer if certain quilts may not be photographed.

Dues: \$20.00 Cash: ____ Check: ____

SEND (or bring to meeting) COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

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Sylvania, OH 43560