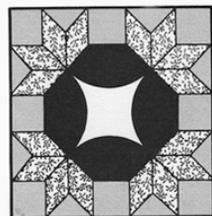


Miami Valley Quilters' Guild

Quilters' Quotes



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Celebrate Holiday Season at Carry-In Dinner

This is a reminder that this month's meeting begins a half hour early at 6:30 p.m. It is our traditional Carry-In Dinner. Bring something tasty, sit down with friends and new acquaintances and build new friendships; find a new member and make her/him feel welcome. After we all satisfy our literal hunger, it will be time to feed our aesthetic hunger with our traditional "Show and Tell," so don't forget to bring one or more of your treasures to share with the rest of the members.

Don't forget to bring your December Christmas Block so you can take part in the drawing to win the blocks. You need two blocks to be in the drawing. You may sew an additional two blocks to get your name in an additional time. However, no matter how many blocks you make, you can only enter the drawing a maximum of two times. Instructions for the Christmas Block are the end of this month's newsletter or can be printed from the guild website.

Also, sign-up sheets for all of next year's workshops will be available at the meeting. No payment need be made until January 2018. All fees associated with the workshops are payable to the workshop instructor at the workshop. Look for your favorite workshop and sign up now. Some workshops are already filling up quickly.

In response to her program and workshop in November, Maggie Ball sends a huge "Thank You" to the Miami Valley Quilters' Guild for raising \$765 for the Mongolian Quilting Center. Maggie was delighted and excited about our generosity. This amount includes the money we raised in the raffle and the goods she sold that were made by the Mongolian women.

JANUARY MEETING

Plan now to attend the January meeting. Lesley Dimbath from Sew-A-Lot will be making a presentation of the Accuquilt GO! die cutting machine. If you have heard about this machine but never seen it in action, here's your chance. If you don't know what the GO! is, come find out; you will be amazed.

A NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Thanks to everyone in the guild for being so supportive and helpful during my tenure as vice president. I had a wonderful time arranging speakers and organizing workshops over the past year and a half and through 2018. I hope you will enjoy the coming year.

Please give a heartfelt welcome to Karen Sipos who will be taking over the vice presidency for 2018, meeting our new speakers, setting up our workshops, and providing speakers and workshops for 2019 and beyond.

Thanks again for a great experience and a chance to serve the membership.

Mary Lou McCormick, Vice President

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A Note from the President...

This has been an exciting year with wonderful workshops and national teachers. Thank you, Mary Lou! The murder mystery dinner theater was fabulous, as usual. When Karen Bergeron had to leave the Membership chair, we were fortunate to get Amanda Bame who also volunteered to chair the Retreat Committee for 2018. Shari Brindley created a splendid nautical theme for the 2017 retreat. But now we need a replacement for Tere Homer for our library. As a guild, we are so fortunate to have so many talented volunteers, not to mention some outstanding quilters. I hope this holiday season finds your projects finished on time to spend some happy quality time with friends and family. Happy quilting to all!

Update on the Girl Scout Project

We helped 7th and 8th Grade Girl Scouts learn to sew by making pillow case dresses to be sent to Haiti. On October 14 we made 12 dresses while the girls learned machine sewing. On October 28 we made over 50 dresses with more adult helpers!

Christmas Pot Luck at 6:30

MVQG supplies plates, silverware, napkins, water, decaf coffee and Crystal Light lemonade. You may bring your preferred beverage. We request that you bring a dish to share for 6 to 8 people that would be an entree, salad, or dessert.

Quick Review of Board Meeting

Committee chairs need to send in end of year reports. The guild has purchased supplies for our workshops so that we don't have to always depend upon volunteer donations. Some will be kept at the new rental storage facility in Xenia. It was decided that the By-Laws will always be included in our membership directory. Because we have such a large guild, our next directory will include pictures of our members. It has been ten years since our by-laws and job descriptions have been updated. We will begin the process in January.

Remember that guild members can place \$5 short ads to sell merchandise in the Newsletter. Our Facebook page will be updated on a regular basis. For up to date with newsworthy items, send to Amanda Bame, Ed Chamness or Debbie Ginsburg. The quilt show is going great with faster check-in and pick-up layouts planned. Please remember to read the newsletter. The next board meeting will be February 12 at 6 p.m. at the Fairborn Senior Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mary Bergseth, President

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Note Changes for Library Service

For the December meeting there will be no library books on display for check-out. If you have a book due to be returned, please bring it to the dinner meeting. Also, books requested in advance of the meeting will be available to be picked up.

The library is your FREE resource for inspiration. Each month the librarian brings a crate of quilting books and displays them in the back of the room. Guild members are free to peruse the selection from the Guild's huge inventory and check out a book or two to take home for a month. Books are due back at the following meeting. (there is a \$1.00 overdue for each month a book is late.)

The complete library inventory list is on the Guild's website under Library. If you see a book you would like to check out, e-mail the librarian and include the book name and box number. If it is available, the book will be at the next meeting for you.

Regular library service will resume at the January meeting. Maybe you will get that inspiration for your next project!

Volunteer Needed To Serve as Librarian

As announced in November, Tere Horner is "retiring" as Librarian after five years of outstanding service. She has done an amazing job in organizing and streamlining the library function. We need a guild member to volunteer for this position if we are to continue having this valuable resource to build our knowledge and spark our creativity.

If you are interested, talk to Tere and let Mary Bergseth know of your willingness to serve.

November Was Busy Month for QOV

With Veterans' Day, the Annual QOV Block Drive, and lots of presentations the Quilts of Valor project has been extremely busy during the month of November! We hope that you all enjoyed being a part of the awarding of a Quilt of Valor at our November guild meeting. Thanks to Ron Lundquist, Mary Bergseth, and Mary Lou McCormick for helping to make this happen! We have awarded NINE QOVs during the month of November!

Also, our 6th Annual QOV Block Drive netted 263 (!) quilt blocks which will be organized into sets and passed out at our January meeting to anyone who would like to piece a QOV top! (Maybe a New Year's Goal? Or a Retreat project?) More about that in the January newsletter! Congrats to the winners of the gift cards to area quilt stores - Sulphur Grove Quilt Shop - Marcia Livingston; Mason Jar Quilt Shoppe - Yana Garing; Sew-A-Lot - Deanna Lasher; and Little Shop of Stitches - Kathy Perkins. Please thank these stores for their generosity when you are out shopping!

There will be no December QOV Sew-In. The next sew-in will be Friday, January 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Little Shop of Stitches in Miamisburg.

Thank you to everyone who is involved in donating fabric, money, time, piecing, quilting, and

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binding for our QOV project - it is such a group effort. Also, thank you to those who are involved in the presentations (requesting and awarding)!

Debbie Ginsburg

Quilts of Valor Coordinator

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Membership Plans Picture Directory for 2018

For 2018, I have planned to make a picture directory to help everyone get to know the faces that go with names! Please be ready to have your picture taken at the December, January or February meetings. If you can't make any of those, I will be available to take your picture at retreat! Picture deadline for the directory is February 20! Also, if you don't want your picture taken, please fill out the Membership Form and return it with a note that you don't want to be pictured. Everyone needs to turn in a new Membership Form by February 20, 2018!

The Membership Form is available at the end of this month's newsletter or can be printed from the guild website.

To pay dues by mail, Complete a Membership Form and mail with your \$20.00 check to:

Miami Valley Quilters Guild

ATTN: Membership

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Include SASE to Receive Receipt by Mail

Thank you everyone for your patience and cooperation! Feel free to contact me.

Amanda Bame

Membership Chairman

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Third Monday Sew-in

There will be no Third Monday Sew-in for December due to the holidays. The gatherings will resume in January

Attend Senior Center Weekly Sew-In Days

Come join the MVQG Sew-In days at the Fairborn Senior Center for each Monday. Please note our new starting time of 11 a.m. We are able to sew from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every week. We have more room to sew and to layout quilts.

The price is \$2.00 to sew. If you are a member of the Fairborn Senior Center, it is \$1.00. For those who may be interested, the Fairborn Senior Center has lunch available on Mondays for \$3.00. Call 878-4141 on Fridays to sign up for lunch on Monday.

All are welcome to attend the weekly sew-ins. Come and get to know other members of the guild. You can come for a few hours or stay all day.



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Just as with guild meetings, the sew-in will be cancelled if the Senior Center is closed or dates may be changed during holiday periods.

Come and have a fun time...laugh and sew!!! If you have any questions, contact:

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426-8344

LOQ Subscriptions Provide Guild Funds

Just a reminder...when your "Love of Quilting" magazine subscription is up for renewal, help our Guild by renewing through us!

Start or renew a subscription for \$20 per year through the guild and we will be able to earn \$5 while sending on the \$15 for your subscription.

Karen Engel is coordinator for the Fons & Porter project and has forms to be filled out for new or renewal subscriptions.

Make a check for \$20 to MVQG and mail it to Karen Engel at 5259 Olentangy Drive, Riverside, OH 45431. She will subscribe or renew for you and you will be donating \$5 to your guild.

Karen Engel
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Date Revised for Dresden Plate Challenge

In honor of our 2018 Quilt Show Raffle Quilt, we are going to have a Dresden Plate Quilt Challenge. These will be exhibited on February 13, 2018, at our regular Tuesday night meeting. In case inclement weather cancels our meeting, the exhibit will be in March. Prizes will be awarded with balloting by those attending the meeting and reviewing the entries. Remember, quilts from workshops and challenges are exempt from the 6-quilt limit for our quilt show in May of 2018!

Requirements: 1.) Must use the Dresden Plate pattern in some recognizable way. 2.) Must be three layers with a top, batting, and backing. 3.) Must be quilted by hand or machine or combination. 4.) Finished size must not be less than 12" by 12" but not greater than 28" by 28". It can be a square or rectangle or circular or any other creative dimension within the size required. 5.) It can be a kit, creative design, or any modification therein. Identify any authors input or reference. Refer any questions me.

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Retreat Registration Continues in December

Your 2018 Re'Treat' Committee is ready for you...registration is ongoing.

Imagine, if you will, the most relaxing scene you can conjure in your mind of your two favorite pastimes—quilting and going to a spa of course! Mark your calendars for February 17-19, 2018

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The Sally Kerr Scholarship is available for attendees who may need financial assistance in order to attend and enjoy retreat. The scholarship application is confidential and the form is available, along with other retreat information and registration forms on the Guild website: www.miamivalleyquiltersguild.org.

Raffle Quilt Tickets

Be sure to pick up your tickets to buy/sell if you haven't already. Also, if you're interested in signing out the raffle quilt for display to help sell those tickets, please let me know. There are plenty more tickets if you need more. Thank you,

Sherry Gorby

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Are you on Facebook?

If you are, be sure to "like" the Guild page on Facebook: Miami Valley Quilters Guild. This can be an important tool for communication among Guild members and with quilters around the world.

Quilting Stories, Ideas, News?

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CHRISTMAS BLOCK 2017

For our Christmas block this year, we are going to do a variation of the Courthouse Steps. The finished block should be a 10 ½” square. All seams are ¼.” Please use Christmas colors and/or fabric for the steps and red for the middle square. Please note that you will be alternating fabrics C and D with each other and A and B with each other. I apologize for my sample not being more inventive, and I know that those of you who take part will come up with some wonderful variations. Have at it!

Please note that the fabric looks out of square due to camera angle. Also, I have tried to make the instructions clear, but if I have goofed up, please let me know at cinemabuff@sbcglobal.net.

1. You will need four colors and red material for the middle: you may use two 2 different darks of the same color as in the photo--two greens--or just two darks (A & B) and 2 different lights of the same color as in the photo—two creams with different designs—or just two different lights (C & D).
2. Cut one piece of the red fabric 2 ½” x 2 1/2.”



3. Cut a 1½ strip the width of your fabric for each color.



4. For Fabric C, cut two 1 ½” strips 2 1/2” long, and sew one strip to the top of the red square and one strip to the bottom of the red square.



5. For fabric A, cut two 1 ½" strips 4 1/2" long, and sew one strip to each side of the red and C fabric. See finished picture.
6. Next, for fabric D, cut two 1 ½" strips 4 ½" long, and sew one strip to the top and one strip to the bottom of the center fabric, A, & C. See finished picture.
7. For fabric B, cut two 1 ½" strips 6 ½" long, and sew one strip to each side of the center square, A, C, & D. See finished picture.
8. For next fabric C, cut two 1 ½" strips 6 ½" long, and sew one strip to the D strips at the top and bottom of the center square, A, C, and D. See finished picture.
9. For the next A fabric, cut two 1 ½" strips 8 ½" long, and sew one strip to the B strips on each side of the center square, A, C, D, and B. See finished picture.
10. For the next D fabric, cut two 1 ½" strips 8 ½" long, and sew one strip to the top and one strip to the bottom of the C strip on the square, A, C, D, and C. See finished picture.
11. For the next B fabric, cut two 1 1/2" by 10 ½" long, and sew one strip to the A strip on either side of the square, A, B, and A.



In order to have your name in the drawing, you must sew two (2) blocks. For two (2) more blocks, you can enter your name again. You may not enter your name again if you sew more than four (4) blocks, but feel free to do so if the spirit moves you!

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