



Westerville Quilt Guild

NEWS

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Trish Bishop, President-of-the-Month

Cathy Daum — Quilt Beginnings

Cathy Daum started quilting in her twenties, and 17 years later she completed her first quilt - for all of you with unfinished projects, there is hope! Once she was hooked on quilting, Cathy searched for a shop that offered great fabric, supplies, instruction and, most of all, great customer service. She couldn't find the perfect shop anywhere, so she decided to open her own. Armed with her passion for quilting and her life savings, Cathy opened Quilt Beginnings in 1998, and has never turned back.

Cathy's goal was to create a friendly quilt shop, with beautiful fabric, inspiring samples and informative classes. Cathy's business philosophy is totally customer focused.



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 who you don't know so well, or a new member or guest you haven't met and introduce yourself. **New Members/**

Guests: If you are a new member/guest, approach someone you don't know and introduce yourself. Learn a tad about the other person and share a bit about you! 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 The Westerville American Legion Hall, 393 East College Avenue, Westerville, OH 43081, Web Site: <http://www.WestervilleQuiltGuild.com>, E-mail: info@westervillequiltguild.com



Charm Squares

Squares are 6 x 6 of quilt shop quality fabric. Drop off current month, pick up

last month... etc. Here are the remaining months and themes:

September - Animals

October - Harvest

November/December - Holiday

Remaining Programs & Greeters for 2013

September 24 - Trish Bishop - Cathy Daum
Greeters: Connie Pierce, Judy Theil

October 22 - Barb Horlocker - TBD
Greeters: ?

December 3 (**Note Changed Date**) - Louise, Tina, Linda - Annual Christmas Party
Greeters: ?



If you signed up to be a "President-of-the-Month" for 2013 please make sure to send a brief description of your program to [Lisa Smith](#) for publication in the monthly newsletter. Thanks!

Cherries Jubilee Recipe

1 can (16-ounce) cherry pie filling
1/2 cup brandy
Good-quality vanilla ice cream
Almonds

In a small saucepan over medium heat, heat cherries. In another small saucepan, heat brandy (it won't flame unless it is heated).

Spoon ice cream into goblets and spoon heated cherries over ice cream. Pour heated brandy over the warm cherries and ignite.

Sprinkle with sliced almonds and serve.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.



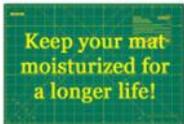
Mr. Frog Wants to Remind You:
Wear Your Name Tags or Pay the Penalty!



Tickets for the September Raffle Basket will be on sale at the beginning of the meeting and during the meeting. The drawing will be at the end of the meeting. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. This month's basket is loaded with "Back-to-School" items! Including chalk-board fabric, fabric crayons, quilting school supplies, and other assorted fun items! Sherry French will be bringing the basket to the meeting this month.

2013 Committees

(Go to www.westervillequiltguild.com for committee information.)



Olfa Cutting Mat Care and Troubleshooting

OLFA Cutting Mats love moisture!

It is recommended that you soak your mat from time to time. Your self-healing mat loves moisture.

To soak it, put your mat in a bathtub or large container (would have to be large so it can lay flat) and soak it for 15-20 minutes in a solution of 1/4 cup white vinegar to every gallon of cool water. Let me repeat, cool water. Do this every so often to help extend its useful life.

Then use a squirt of mild dishwashing soap (Ivory) and clean the mat with a mushroom brush (soft is the key word here). The purpose of this gentle scouring is to remove the fibers that get trapped in the cuts marks preventing the cuts from "healing".

Keep 'em clean, keep 'em moist, keep 'em flat and NO heat. Your cutting mat is not a coffee cup coaster!

Phew!! My mat smells. How do I get rid of the odor?

Olfa recommends that you wipe the mat with a solution of equal parts of water and white vinegar. Let the mat sit for a few minutes. Rinse the mat and dry with a towel. Repeat as needed.

I've used my mat for other fabrics, and now it's got "fuzz" on it.

Fleece fibers in particular are attracted to your self-healing mat. Clean your mat with a soft bristle brush (like a tooth or mushroom brush) and a solution of room temperature (not warm, not hot, not cold) water and a couple drops of a mild detergent. Work into a lather to gently clean the mat. Remember to rinse with, again, cool room temperature water and wipe dry with a clean towel.

My rotary cutting mat is warped? Can it be saved?

Olfa, on their website, says there is no proven way to fix a warped cutting mat.

However, many people swear they can fix a warped mat by:

- Laying it in the hot sun on the sidewalk
- Soaking in hot water and then laying flat
- Storing between the mattress and box spring to flatten over time

Now this seems contradictory to me...

So I went to the expert ... Charlie Hanney, owner of *Olfa Deals*, has been in the business since 1974. You've seen him at many of the large quilt shows in his Olfa booth. To visit his website go to [Olfa Deals](http://OlfaDeals.com), his toll free phone number 1-800-735 8656.

I posed the question to him, "Can a quilter fix a warped Olfa cutting mat?"

Before going further, he asked me to make the following perfectly clear:

The method he proposes will work about 85% of the time. It is not perfect. It is not guaranteed. But it is what he does and has had good results.

NOTE: This is NOT recommended by Olfa, the manufacturer. Olfa is not in the "fix-a-mat" business.

And now for Charlie's answer...

Step 1 Get a piece of heavy plywood 3/8" to 1/2" thick. Make sure it is not warped.

Step 2 Lay the plywood on concrete, and ONLY concrete, in a totally all day sunny area. The concrete is important!

Step 3 Put the damaged mat on the plywood.

Step 4 Using heavy plate glass (NOT WINDOW GLASS) which you may find on a table top, a dresser top, or shelf glass. Any combo, and cover the mat so that mat is completely covered. Not just the affected area...THE WHOLE MAT. The glass can extend over the edges of the mat.

Step 5 Leave this set up in the totally sunny area all day. No moving, no peeking, just leave it alone.

Step 6 Early the next day, after the mat has cooled overnight, your mat should be straight.

Warp Prevention

Now, the best way to fix a warped mat is to not let it happen in the first place:

- Always lay the mat flat and never on its edge
- Don't iron on it; no hot food or drink on it
- Be careful not to place it close to a heat vent
- Store it flat under the bed or couch or on a cutting table.

Take care of your Olfa cutting mat; keep it clean, use the whole mat and not just one spot, and you'll have this very necessary quilting tool for years to come.

Quilt Shows Around Town

32nd Annual Harvest of Quilts

Sponsored by the
Towne Squares Quilt Club
October 11 & 12, 2013

Friday 9 am to 6 pm.
Saturday 9 am to 5 pm.

Admission \$5; Two-day pass \$7
Donate one non-perishable food item to get
\$1 off admission.
(No outdated food will be accepted.)

Darke County Fairgrounds
800 Sweitzer St (St Rt 49)
Greenville, OH 45331

Handicap accessible, ample parking. Quilt
auction Saturday Oct 12th at 2 pm. Over
200 quilts, Merchant's Mall, Country Store,
scissors sharpening, food vendor. Raffle
quilt, Queen Size. Elvira, Pioneer Woman, will
be visiting the quilt show. Bring your 30th
Anniversary bag to be entered into a drawing.

For more info, contact Suzie 937-621-1842,
Lewcresce 937-547-0202

Contact info for entering quilts:
Linda: lemcglouthin@woh.rr.com or
Towne Squares Quilt Club
Attn.: Linda
P.O. Box 1079
Greenville, OH 45331.

Jubilation: Capturing the Joy of Quilting

Sponsored by

Heart of Ohio Quilters Guild

October 4 & 5, 2013

Presenting...

Over 100 quilts made by HOQG members
Member Featured Artist Ive Winsch
Hourly Demonstrations
Vendors
Door Prizes
Silent Auction
Redwork Raffle Quilt

Quilters Café provided by Bake-N-Brew

Hours	Admission
Friday 10 am - 8 pm	General \$5
Saturday 10 am - 5 pm	Seniors \$4
Parking Free	2-Day Pass \$7.50
	Children under 12 Free

For more Info: www.heartofohioquilters.com • quiltshow@heartofohioquilters.com

Quilts and Stories

from the time of the Civil War

A display of antique and reproduction quilts fea-
turing stories of soldiers, women and quilt pat-
terns, fabrics and the value of quilts during the
mid-1800s. Presented by the Country Road Quilt
Guild (McArthur) and the Ross County Quilters
Guild.

October 7-11, Herbert Westcoat Memorial Li-
brary, 120 N. Market St., McArthur, M-Th 12-7
pm, Friday, 10-5:30 pm.

November 1-28, Chillicothe & Ross County Public
Library North, 550 Buckeye Street, Chillico-
the. M-Th 10-9pm and Friday & Saturday, 10-

Newsletter Information

Newsletter submissions should be sent as an attachment or typed in the body of an email to the following email address: Newsletter@westervillequiltguild.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 know of a member that does not have access to email, please give them a copy of the newsletter.
