



Westerville Quilt Guild

NEWS

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Lisa Smith — President-of-the-Month

Kira Hartley Klinger

Kira is the owner and curator behind the shop DodOddity, a five-star shop on Etsy. She specializes in vintage fabric and salvaged textiles. Kira is also a storyteller who believes that the history behind these pieces is just as interesting and important as the textile itself. For the past 15 years, she has been hunting down estate collections all over rural Ohio and beyond and telling the stories on her Etsy pages... from tidbits that she could gather from the families about the quilter behind the fabric collection to the hilarious antics of the competition (and questionable behavior herself). Eventually these tales turned into a book, Fabric Wars, and she started taking the book and her shop on the road.

Kira strives to reuse materials that are already out there which is reflected in her shop philosophy and inventory and carries into her personal life as she also sources architectural elements for the Victorian farmhouse that she and her husband have been renovating for the past eleven years. She is also the quilter behind more than thirty quilts that are constructed in memory and legacy of individuals using mediums entirely from the life of the person that is honored.

Take a journey into Kira's life as she shares a chapter from her book. Then, join in as she tests your knowledge on dating vintage fabric and win scraps along the way. Learn how to felt wool at home using old worn wool sweaters and clothing and enjoy a slide show on felted wool applique quilts. Later, shop a sampling of her fat quarters and felted wool. There will also be Grammy Whammy's available, Kira's homemade, chemical and fragrance-free pouches for removing odors and sanitizing all textiles, including quilts! Copies of Fabric Wars will also be available.

Kira lives in Jackson Center, Ohio with her husband, John and their two Newfoundlands, two horses, 14 chickens, duck and barn cat. When she is not dragging John to auctions and estate sales, they enjoy having sleepovers with their eight grandchildren, most notably Camp Klinger, a week-long event every summer. She has also recently been featured on Janet Szabo's podcast The Straight Stitch, that aired on February 20th, 2024



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 you would like to know better, a new member or guest, and introduce yourself. **New Members/Guests:** If you are a new member/guest, approach someone you don't know and introduce yourself. Learn a little about the other person and share a bit about yourself! 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 St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4686 East Walnut Street, Westerville, OH 43081, Web Site: <http://www.WestervilleQuiltGuild.com>, E-mail: westervillequiltguild@gmail.com

Fun With Fabric 2024

Challenges

Scavenger Hunt - Projects due at the December 3rd Meeting.

Make a quilt (or quilted object) including at least one item from each of the eight categories listed below. How you accomplish this is open to block name, quilting motif, applique, embellishments, your imagination. The more the merrier. There will be a prize for the person who includes the most items.



WINTER	FALL	SPRING	HOUSEHOLD
snowman	moon	flower	sewing notion/tool
snowflake	school	umbrella	fork
mitten	leaf	mortar-board	spoon
Log cabin	sweater	bell(s)	coffee / tea pot
boots	tree	flower pot	cup/mug
shovel	pumpkin	basket	door
fire/fireplace	crow/raven	cleaning item	window
quilt	corn	children	small appliance
ice	football	grass	phone
thermometer	buckeye	bird nest	lamp

LIVING THINGS	SHAPES	FOOD	SUMMER
cat	circle	cake	shell
dog	triangle	fruit	sandcastle
rabbit	heart	candy	beach ball
bee	diamond	hot dog	firecracker
dragonfly	spade	turkey leg	baseball
ladybug	club	ice cream	sun
fish	zig zag	popsicle	tent
tiger	star	pie	swimming suit
horse	hexagon	bread	sunglasses
deer	cube	cheese	beach umbrella



QUEEN BEE BLOCK PARTY 2024

September — DeeAnn Haworth — due October



The October basket is *The Classics!* Book, fun accessories, and fabrics that are associated with the classics of quilting, and other assorted fun items!

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Don't forget, you can't win if you don't play.



Fat Quarter Frenzy 2024

September — Solids

October — Juvenile or baby

(Since we missed September these will be combined)

December — Animals

2025 Service Ideas Needed

We have received a great donation of fabric from Camille Smith in PA (Lisa's sister). Therefore, we need to come up with some charity ideas for next year! If you know of any group that needs quilts of any size, please mention it at one of our meetings. We made and donated lots of quilts and pillowcases to Flying Horse Farm for their campers. Also, we donated Red, White, and Blue lap quilts to Veterans on an Honor Flight. (All women!) And we're still making baby items for *The 4th Trimester*.



Annual Holiday Party — December 3rd

This year's Holiday Party is "Just Desserts." Start thinking about whether you want to make a dessert to share or bring some non-perishable food items to be donated to W.A.R.M. (Westerville Area Resource Ministries). We will have a sign-up sheet at the October meeting. Below is a list of needed items from W.A.R.M.

- Canned Chicken
- Cereal
- Coffee
- Juices – Cranberry, Grape, etc.
- Pasta Noodles
- Salad Dressings
- Sugar – Granulated, Brown
- Shampoo
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels



2024 Program Sneak Peek



October 22 — Kira Hartley — Vintage Fabrics & Salvaged Textiles — Lisa Smith

December 3 — Holiday Party — Just Desserts — Janice Baer, Shannon Bartlett, Lisa Smith

This is the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving.



Sign Up to be President-of-the-Month!

There are only 2 meetings left this year! So we need you to sign up to be President(s)-of-the-Month for 2025!

Do you have a technique you love that you can share with the guild? Or have a fun little project that could be a group "make-it and take-it"? Anything that you (or you and your gang) can share with the group is what we need! Sign-up sheets will be available at the meetings! It's easy!

There is an agenda on our website (www.westervillequiltguild.com), so you can get an idea of how the meetings go. The agenda and setup are both flexible, too.

2025 Help Needed!

Janice Baer needs someone to help with membership in 2025. Mostly this would consist of helping the first few months of the year with taking dues and handing out the membership cards. Also they could be asked to take attendance if she is not at a meeting. Dues will be collected for 2025 starting in January.



Westerville Quilt Guild Sunshine Committee

If you know of a member who is sick, has had surgery, or has had a death in the family, please contact **Christina Sidebottom** who will send a card. E-mail: oside@att.net, telephone: 614-895-9820 (home) / 614-208-2857 (cell).

2024 Committees

Executive Committee

Becky Lance
Beth Gabel
Connie Gelfer
Jeff Bretthauer
Ruthie Hoover
Sue Meek (also Treasurer)
Treasurer, Newsletter & Website, Social Media

Hospitality:

Kathy Strohm
Kathy Warden
Jo Anne Guthrie

Fun with Fabric:

Shannon Bartlett
Lisa Smith

Keeper of the WQG Quilts & Scrapbooks:

Susan Edwards

Membership:

Janice Baer
Karen Heath

Newsletter/Website/Social Media:

Lisa Smith
Janice Baer
Judy Theil

Publicity:

Sue Meek

Monthly Opportunity Basket:

Shannon Bartlett

Service Committee:

Jeff Bretthauer

Sunshine Committee:

Christina Sidebottom

Workshops/Retreats/Trips:

NO ONE

Fat Quarter Raffle

Ruthie Hoover

Take Down or Put Away Things

Christina Sidebottom



Many of the October holidays center around Halloween and pumpkin themes. However, there's ample room on the October calendar for plenty of holidays and observances celebrating or commemorating other subjects and topics.

There's certainly room in October for a nutty day. *National Nut Day* is today, an October 22 holiday. It's a little kooky and crazy if you ask me, as it is the P-nuttiest of all of the holidays.

Extensive research shows that eating nuts is indeed healthy for us. They are rich in vitamins E and B2, they contain lots of protein, and they are high in fiber. Studies show consuming nuts helps to avoid coronary heart disease, as well as lower bad cholesterol. So, celebrate *National Nut Day* by adding more nuts to your daily diet.

Many people use this day to celebrate their kooky and nutty friends. We think this is quite alright and encourage you to continue to do so.

Of course, it is always possible that some of us may use *National Nut Day* to celebrate the "nut" that screws onto a bolt for fastening things. Perhaps that is a little nutty, perhaps not. You make the call.

Whatever reason you choose to celebrate today, we hope you have a very nutty *National Nut Day*.

Some Nutty Facts

- Peanuts are not really nuts. They are Legumes, a member of the "Pea" family.
- The center of seeds, like pumpkins and squash, is called a "nut".
- We spend approximately \$800 million a year on peanut butter.
- Pistachio is known as the "smiling nut" in Iran and the "happy nut" in China.
- Coconuts are not nuts.
- Walnuts are the oldest known tree food.
- Most Brazil nuts do not come from Brazil. They come from Bolivia and take as long as 30 years to mature.

From: <https://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/October/nationalnutday.htm>

Newsletter Information

Newsletter submissions should be sent as an attachment or typed in the body of an email to the following email address: westervillequiltguild@gmail.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 have any questions or suggestions, contact [Lisa Smith](#), WQG Newsletter Editor.