



Westerville Quilt Guild NEWS

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Shannon Bartlett — President-of-the-Month Sweet Charity



Come and see all the projects we have this year! 4th Trimester, Flying Horse Farm, and the ongoing Pillowcases. There are lots and lots of kits for you to take home and work on. You can take a kit and 1) Complete the whole project, 2) make blocks, if that's what you have time for, 3) make the top and hand it off to someone else to finish (quilt, bind)! We have been very lucky to have so much fabric donated.



The Mayor of Westerville, Kenneth L. Wright and the Westerville City Council will recognize Westerville Quilt Guild's 20th Anniversary with a Proclamation at an upcoming regular City Council Meeting on March 4th. We will meet at 6:45 pm in the lobby of the Justice Center, 229 Huber Village Blvd. Come wrapped up in a favorite quilt! More information at the meeting.

Celebrate National Quilting Day with Westerville Quilt Guild

WQG will be holding a Quilt Parade in downtown Westerville to celebrate National Quilting Day, March 15th! We will meet at Church of the Messiah; 51 N. State St. Wrap up in your favorite quilt and we will display our "wears". We will plan for dinner out somewhere after our parade.



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



The February 2025 basket is *Have a Heart*, fabrics, a book, and other fun items for charity quilting!

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



QUEEN BEE BLOCK PARTY 2025 HAS STARTED

Shannon Bartlett	28-Jan	25 Feb
Sue Meek	25-Feb	25-Ma
Jayne Godsey	25-Mar	22-Apr
Louise Maloy	22-Apr	27-May
Janice Baer	27-May	24-Jun
Kathy Warden	24-Jun	22-Jul
Becky Lance	22-Jul	26-Aug
Barb Horlocker	26-Aug	23-Sep
Lisa Smith	23-Sep	28-Oct
DeeAnn Haworth	28-Oct	2-Dec

2025 Service Ideas Needed

We will be making quilts and pillowcases for Flying Horse Farm for their campers again this year. And we're still making baby items for *The 4th Trimester*.

We also have a new project for the *Special Olympics of Ohio*. Shannon will be talking about this at the February meeting.

If you still know of other places we can support with our talents, please let us know.

Fun With Fabric 2025

Challenges

The 2025 Challenges will be announced at the meeting!

Hello My Quilting Sisters,

We are going to do a **Secret Sister** in the guild in 2025. If you choose to join in the fun, you **MUST** do something for your sister at least 6 months of the 9 months we will have left this year. Please **DO NOT** sign up unless you can commit to doing this. It's not fair to those that are doing things and not getting anything in return. We will have a sign up sheet available at the February meeting.



You will be assigned to another quilter. Try to find out **Secretly** about your sister. Things she likes, collects, other hobbies, what kind of quilting she likes to do, etc. I will also have a questionnaire that each sister will fill out that can help us with favorites. Then plan on **Secretly** bringing a surprise to her on each of those (6-9) months. This doesn't have to be big and expensive, just something nice that shows you were thinking about her. At the Holiday meeting your secret sister will be revealed, and a more substantial gift should be given (example: table runner, mug rugs, wall hanging, quilt, etc. that you have made especially for her).

I know as a quilter I never get quilts as gifts and yet I would love to have something that one of my quilty friends had made.

See you on the 25th!

50th Annual Sewing Smorgasbord March 15th, 2025

Sheridan Middle School-Thornville
Doors open to the public at 8:15 am

\$10 (Cash Entry Only)

No pre-registration

Over 30 Classes and Over 15
Vendors

Themed Raffle Baskets

2 Fat Quarter Raffles —

Bring a fat quarter, you're entered.

Sewing Machine Raffle

Fabric Fair—A Fabricaholics Paradise

Clean out your fabric closets. Individuals wanting to SELL pieces of fabric 1/8 yard or greater, here' your chance. Put your fabric in a clear, self-closing, plastic bag. Enclose an index card with your name, county, yardage (length and width) and asking price. We'll sell your fabric and you get the proceeds. A 10% handling fee will be charged to all participants SELLING fabric. Cash Sales Only!

For more information—contact Cindy Schuster at crshuster1@gmail.com

Class List [here](#).

NOTE: This is usually over early in the afternoon. You have plenty of time to join your WQG friends for the Westerville Quilts Parade at 4 pm. Make it a true Quilting Day!

2025 Program Sneak Peek



January 28 — Happy Birthday WQG! —
Janice Baer, Shannon Bartlett, Lisa Smith

February 25 — Charity Project Lineup —
Shannon Bartlett

March 25 — Paper Piecing, Freezer Paper
Piecing. & EPP — Beth Gabel, Connie Gelfer, &
Becky Lance

April 22 — Ken Wright, Photography —
Christina Sidebottom

May 27 — Ruthie Hoover

June 24 — Charity Sew-In

July 22 — Around the World Quilting —
Shannon Bartlett

August 26 — Annual Picnic (new month) —
Jeff Brethauer, Ruthie Hoover, Judy Theil

September 23 — Necktie Quilts — Christina
Sidebottom

October 28 — OPEN

December 2 — Holiday Party — Janis Baer

**This is the first Tuesday after
Thanksgiving.**



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).

2025 Committees

Executive Committee

Janice Baer
Shannon Bartlett
Jeff Bretthauer
Becky Lance
Sue Meek (also Treasurer)
Treasurer, Newsletter & Website, Social Media

Hospitality:

Becky Lance

Fun with Fabric & Service:

Shannon Bartlett
Lisa Smith

Keeper of the WQG Quilts & Scrapbooks:

Shannon Bartlett, Scrapbooks
Quilts at St. Paul's

Membership:

Janice Baer
Kathy Warden

Newsletter/Website/Social Media:

Lisa Smith
Janice Baer
Judy Theil

Publicity:

Sue Meek

Monthly Opportunity Basket:

Shannon Bartlett

Sunshine Committee:

Christina Sidebottom

Take Down or Put Away Things

Christina Sidebottom

Secret Sister:

DeeAnn Haworth



National Bird Feeding Month

When is National Bird Feeding Month?
February

February is *National Bird Feeding Month*. If you feed them, they will come. Mid-winter is a tough time for backyard birds. Snow often covers their food source, while at the same time food supplies are dwindling. A reliable high-energy supply of bird seed is essential, to provide the energy your backyard birds need to survive the long-lasting extreme cold in February.

People of all ages participate in bird watching and bird feeding. About one-third of the U.S. adult population feeds wild birds in their backyards. The percentage is much higher for seniors.

Many national and local bird support groups actively support *National Bird Feeding Month*. This includes the National Bird-Feeding Society (NBFS) and the Wild Bird Centers of America.

It is easy to participate in this month-long event. If you haven't hung up your bird feeder yet, what are you waiting for? If you don't have a bird feeder, what are you waiting for? Purchase a feeder and bird seed. Then, hang it up today. Your backyard birds will entertain and reward you, as they feed from your feeder.

Bird Feeding Tip: If you are new at bird watching and bird feeding, hang the feeder in a strategic location outside your living room window. Then, you can watch them all day from the comfort of your chair or sofa.

National Bird Feeding Month dates back to February 23, 1994. On this date, a congressional proclamation was issued by Congressman John Porter (R-IL), as he read a resolution into the Congressional Record.

From: <https://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/february/national-bird-feeding-month.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.