



Westerville Quilt Guild

NEWS

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January 27, 2026 — 6:30 pm Janice Baer & DeeAnn Haworth — Presidents - of - the - Month Holiday Party & 21st Birthday Party

Since our last meeting was canceled due to snow and icy conditions, we are having the Holiday Party this meeting and celebrating the 21st year of our guild.

We will begin gathering at 6:30.

Please bring an appetizer (hot or cold, finger foods) or dessert (cookies, cakes, sweet treats). Please bring serving utensils for your dish. If you forgot what you signed up to bring, please contact Janice. If you weren't there to sign up, just go ahead and bring either an appetizer or dessert. We will have water dispensers and cups. If you prefer something else to drink, please bring your own. We will provide plates and napkins & plastic forks and spoons.



The night is for fellowship and having fun! We will have a short business meeting and show and tell.



Board Announcement:

If anyone is interested in serving on the board in 2026 please send an email to Janice at quiltladyjb@gmail.com. Our 1st board meeting will be Feb 3, 2026.



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 2026

Challenges

3 YD Quilt—Due January 2026!

Make a quilt using three 1 yard cuts of fabric. There are several books on this technique and other patterns available online.

Currently, FWF is still working on what challenges to have for 2026. There could be one big challenge to work on all year and perhaps a block swap. Announcements will come at the February meeting.

QUEEN BEE BLOCK PARTY 2025 Finale



DeeAnn Haworth 28-Oct 2-Dec

The Queen Bee Block Party is going to be on vacation for 2026.



The November/December basket is *Holiday Hoopla*, with fabric and notions in the holiday spirit. As usual, candy is included.

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



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: o-side@att.net, telephone: 614-895-9820 (home) / 614-208-2857 (cell).

2025 Program Sneak Peek



January 27 - Happy Birthday Westerville Quilt Guild (Holiday Party redo!) - Janice Baer & DeeAnn Haworth

February 24 - Temperature Quilts - Shannon Bartlett

March 24 - Lisa Smith & Shannon Bartlett - Movie Night

April 28 - Crazy Quilts - Becky Lance

May 26 - OPEN

June 23 - OPEN

July 28 - OPEN

August 25 - Siddi Kiwandi - Shannon Bartlett & Lisa Smith

September 22 - String Quilts - Judy Theil

October 27 - Sashiko, Japanese Art of Stitching - Christina Sidebottom

December 1 (Tuesday after Thanksgiving) - Annual Holiday Party - OPEN

2026 Committees

Executive Committee

Janice Baer
Shannon Bartlett
Jeff Bretthauer
Beth Gable
Becky Lance
Kathy Strohm (Treasurer)
Lisa Smith (Newsletter & Website)

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

Monthly Opportunity Basket:
Shannon Bartlett

Sunshine Committee:
Christina Sidebottom

Take Down or Put Away Things
Christina Sidebottom

March 13-14, 2026 - Quilt Spectacular,
Columbus Metropolitan Quilters
www.cmquilters.org

Quilt Spectacular 2026

March 13 - 14, 2026

Franklin County Fairgrounds
Edwards Building
5035 Northwest Parkway
Hilliard, OH 43026

Admission \$6

This is our biennial show which includes:

- over 100 quilts made by our members (vote for your favorites)
- silent auction of little quilts and quilted items
- opportunity quilt
- vendors
- quilters' boutique garage sale
- refreshments available



2025 Opportunity Quilt



Save the dates: AQS Quilt Show - Columbus
- September 23-26, 2026

<https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/show/columbus-2026/>

There may be volunteer opportunities for our members, stay tuned.



Cleveland—Akron | April 23, 24, 25, 2026
| [Information](#)

Cincinnati—Sharonville | October 15, 16,
17, 2026 | [Information](#)

January 27 — Chocolate Cake Day



Chocolate Cake Day is today. This January 27 holiday is a chocolate lovers delight, and a day to eat cake. Why this a day to "bake your choco-

late cake...and eat it, too!" On this day, a white or yellow cake will not do. Nor, will part chocolate, part white suffice. It must be chocolate, all chocolate. You can make milk chocolate, dark chocolate, fudge, or any other type of chocolate. And, there's only one flavor of frosting that's acceptable to use today. Of course, you know what flavor to use.

There are three objectives for today: To bake a chocolate cake. To decorate a one. And, to eat a piece or two. Of course, if you are too busy to bake or decorate a cake, then just eating a chocolate cake will certainly do!

Cliché of the Day: You can't have your cake and eat it, too. Author unknown

For the Diet Conscious: You just might not want to know that there a one slice of chocolate cakes has approximately 250 to 500 calories and 30 to 50 carbs. But, don't let this keep you from enjoying a slice today.

How to Celebrate Chocolate Cake Day

Food holidays are some of the most delicious holidays of the year. Here are some ways that you can celebrate this tasty holiday:

Bake a chocolate cake.

Eat a piece (or two).

Share your recipe with others.

Bake a chocolate cake and bring it to your

workplace to share with others. You might be voted "Co-worker of the Day".

Give a cake to someone in need of cheering up.

Bring a chocolate cake to a nursing home.

Post a picture of your cake on social media.

From: <https://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/january/chocolatecakeday.htm>



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

It's time to start thinking about signing up to be President(s)-of-the-Month for 2026! We have 4 meetings open, including both the Picnic and Holiday Party.

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.

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.