



Monthly News

SEPTEMBER 2025

COMMON THREADS
QUILTING GUILD OF PARMA, OHIO

Pieces from the President – Betty Deemer

Hello Common Threads,

Welcome to September! We're going to start seeing spectacular fall colors very soon...hopefully it will help to inspire all of our quilting projects!

Great news — we (our guild) have been accepted into the “**Once Upon a Christmas**” craft show at Grace Church and our table is booked. Lynn Faenza will have more about that later on in this newsletter.

Our guest speaker in September is Debbie Reese founder of **Sew Creative Cottage** in Fairview Park. She will be sharing general maintenance of our machines and “the importance of using supplies for the equipment you are using.” There will also be items from her quilt shop for us to peruse and purchase...if you'd like a preview, visit their website at: <https://sewcreativecottage.com/SFNT.html>.

Meeting Agenda:

Guest Speaker — Debbie Reese, Sew Creative Cottage

Show and Tell — bring your finished (*or mostly so*) Show and Tell items. (*Guests are also welcome to bring items to show.*)

Block of the Month — Brenda Garofolo and Mary Ellen Butler are leading our BOM for the upcoming year. Please bring your next block to the meeting to share with everyone. Questions regarding how to make the blocks are always welcome also.

Business Meeting

- We'll share some exciting news about our website.
- New board members openings. (*We already have a candidate for 2nd VP, Fundraising.*)
- New quilt show co-chair openings.
- North Coast Needlers Quilt Guild is interested in collaborating with us. More details during the meeting.



- Fons & Porters *Love of Quilting* magazine offer.
- Short demonstration at the end re how to put a facing on a small quilt / wall hanging. Luci and Betty will show 2 different ways.

50 / 50 Raffle — Buy a ticket and you could be the winner of this fun raffle!

Look forward to seeing all of you on **Monday, September 15th at 6:30pm.**
Please don't forget your name tags — you can also give them to Charlene or Karen to keep for you.

All the best!

Betty

PS: Our website — CommonThreadsParma.org — has up-to-date news between newsletters. You can also join the conversation on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/commonthreadsparma>.

Where and when we meet: **All Saints Episcopal Church Hall** — 8911 Ridgewood Drive, Parma, OH 44134 • 6:30pm.

Minutes from August 18, 2025, Meeting – Mary Ellen Butler, Secretary

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:34 pm Location: All Saints Episcopal Church
ADJOURNED: 8:50 pm

1. President Betty Deemer welcomed everyone to the August meeting. She briefly ran through the agenda for the evening, then turned it over to Charlene VanDeWeerd to introduce the new members and guests.
2. Guests:
Brad & Joanna Ellis
Cindy Beamish
Becky Unger
- New Members:
Kim Hahn
Rose Welch
Joyce Karbon
Ellen Omilanowksi
3. Show and Tell took place and participants were Lynn Faenza, Rose Welch, Janet Kiraly, Anna Costanzo, Olivia Hopkins, Cindy Beamish, Pat Dolezal, Barbara Buckley, Lottie Conrad, Ronnie Conrad, Paula Keiper, Lynea Derwis, Cheri Soltesz, Paula Berghauser, Jane Soposky, Brad and Joanna Ellis, Luci Slywka, Jim Armstrong, and Darryl Conrad.

4. Judy Phillips from Sew Déjà Vu presented her program on the “Benefits of Notions and Accessories.” It was very interesting with all her tips. She also brought along goodies from her store for the group to shop.
5. Snacks and shopping were enjoyed by all.
6. Block of the Month participants were Jane Morris, Lynn Faenza, Lynea Derwis, Barbara Buckley, Elaine Wise, Diane Sieckowski, Lottie Conrad and Anna Costanzo. Brenda Garofolo then gave a brief explanation of the Block of the Month program for all new members.
7. Treasurer’s and Secretary’s reports were approved.
8. Committee Reports:

Community Service- Lottie Conrad is stepping down from her duties organizing staff for the Quilt & Sewing Expo and the Cuyahoga County Fair. Tickets were sold for the basket that was at the fair. Cheri Soltesz won the basket.

There will be a craft fair on November 7 & 8 at Grace Church in Middleburg Heights. The cost is \$95 for a table and it was discussed the unsold items from the quilt show could be sold. The group voted and agreed to participate. Lynn Faenza has agreed to orchestrate this event.

Quilt Show – The co-chairs for the quilt show were called up, Lynea Derwis, Paula Keiper, and Brenda Garofolo. President Betty Deemer talked about the Quilt Show Income Statement that was sent and passed out at the meeting. (Attached below.) The statement showed what was spent on each quilt show committee. It was the first time we had a complete breakdown of what the show actually cost. Then each group was discussed and where there could be future savings for the next show.

Quilt Show Expenses Discussion – Brenda Garofolo discussed how the quilt show stanchions were the most expensive item. She said the cost could be justified on how quickly they went up and tear down was done in an hour.

There was a need for the Publicity Chair for next show.

Do we want next show in Summer or Fall season? When do we think the attendance would be best. We had 400 attendees.

Do we need brochures? They were paid for by Advertising. It was learned people were googling Quilt Shows to learn about any at that time.

Signage can be reused as it had no dates on it.

Paula Keiper is going to revamp the Quilt Show 3 ring binder for co-chairs.



Ribbons would have to be reordered.

It was asked about if it was worth not even having a show because of all the work involved and the small profit we had. It was explained it was in the Guild's Bylaws and if it was decided not to do the show, the Bylaws would have to be changed which was no small feat.

Considering asking smaller guilds if they would like to participate. We would want to have 100 quilts for a show but can do more.

President Betty Deemer pointed out there are ways to improve for the next show. She pointed out we could raise our membership fees from \$20 to \$30. They haven't been raised in many years. Guild is to think about it.

We would need new quilt show chairs for the next show by March 2026. Two to three people was a good number.

Talked about lowering prize money. It will be voted on in the next budget as this budget is already set. (Editor's Note: Prize money in regards to challenge quilts.)

President Betty Deemer also pointed out the entire Board will be leaving in March 2026. Everyone is to think about what positions they would like to move into.

- 9. The 50/50 raffle was \$87 and \$43.50 was won by Charlene VanDeWeerd. Also, a second item was raffled, a quilt book donated by Paula Keiper. Cheri Soltesz was the winner.

- 10. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorie Latuk for Mary Ellen Butler, Secretary

Treasurer's Report – Donna Kowicki, Treasurer

August 2025	
Beginning Balance	\$9,024.07
Income	775.33
Expenses	136.50
Ending Balance	9,662.90

Membership – Charlene VanDeWeerd & Karen Braatz, *Co-Chairs*

Greetings Members!

- Where did the summer go? Hope you are enjoying the fall-like weather.

Membership Roster

- Attached is an updated Membership Roster for August with the addition of **Kim Hahn, Joyce Karbon, Ellen Omilanowski and Rose Welch**. Please give them a warm welcome! We are glad to have you as members!
- The membership roster for September is attached to this newsletter.
- If you notice any errors or have any changes to your information, please let Charlene VanDeWeerd know at rvandewe@verizon.net or Mobile: 703-967-8772, Home: 440-268-6472.

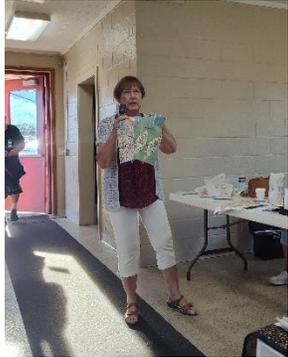
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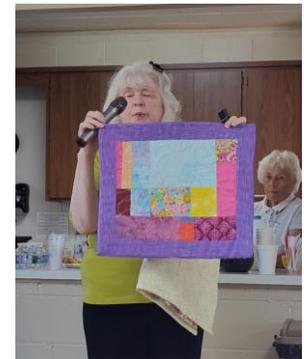
- As always, we will have the sign-in sheets at the meeting this month of September, so please make sure you sign in.

Name Tags

- All new members are receiving a name tag. If you currently don't have one or need a new one, please sign up on the "Name Tag" sheet we will have at the meeting.
- We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday, September 15th!! 🍂

SHOW & TELL





Presenters: Rose Welch, Jan Kiraly, Anna Costanzo, Olivia Hopkins, Cindy Beamish, Pat Dolezal, Barbara Buckley, Lottie Conrad, Ron Conrad, Paula Keiper, Lynea Derwis, Cheri Soltesz, Paula Berghauser, Jane Soposky, Joanna Ellis, Brad Ellis, Luci Slywaka, Jim Armstrong, Darryl Conrad, Lynn Faenza



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs – Luci Slywka, 1st Vice President

Our guest speaker will be from Sew Creative Cottage discussing general machine maintenance and the importance of having the correct parts for the machine that you are using, especially bobbins. Sew Creative Cottage is currently an authorized dealer for the full line of Viking and Pfaff sewing and embroidery machines.

Fundraising – Jim Armstrong, 2nd Vice President

I would like to thank all members that participated in our 50/50 raffle last month. Congratulations to our winners: Charlene VanDeWeerd as the money winner and Cheri Soltesz as the second winner for the quilting book donated by Paula Keiper. At our next meeting, we will again have an additional prize – a tote bag donated by Nancy English.

I also have a raffle basket that contains crochet thread donated back to the guild by the winner from the quilt show. There will be separate tickets available for the baskets and it will be available for review. The drawing for the basket of crochet thread will take place during the October meeting. Thank you, Jim Armstrong

Community Service – Lottie Conrad, Lynea Derwis & Mary Ellen Butler, Co-Chairs

Hello fellow quilters,

I want to thank everyone for all the help you gave me with the Emporium, the Fair and the Sewing expo in the past. I want to thank whoever takes over these areas as I'm sure you will do a great job. I will still be doing Community Service, and I hope we can get back to making single bed quilts, burp clothes, and lots of tote bags.

In my basement, I have a great deal of fabric which has been donated for this purpose. I hope you will come over and choose some for items you want to make for donations. Address: 10324 Ridge Road North Royalton, OH. Telephone number: 440-382-2322. My house is on the corner of Ridge Rd. and Albion Rd. My driveway is on Albion.

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In addition, you can also use the fabric in my basement to make the block of the month quilt if you plan to donate it to Community service. Please feel free to call me if you need more information regarding Community Service, projects, fabric, etc., and I will be glad to answer your questions.

Finally, I am a volunteer mentor for the guild and would be happy to assist or support anyone who needs it. There are some really new quilters in our group so if I can help in any way I am happy to do so. I am not a professional, but I am willing to share what I know.

God Bless you all and I can't wait to hear from you.

GOD LOVES YOU

LOTTIE

Once Upon a Christmas Craft Show – Lynn Faenza, *Chair*

Where: Grace Church
7393 Pearl Rd.
Middleburg Hts, OH 44130

When: November 7, 2025 - 3pm to 9pm
November 8, 2025 - 10am to 5pm

I would like to add only a select few additional items to what we have left over from the Lazy Days of Summer Quilt Show. They are: flannel or other baby blankets and holiday themed table runners. No additional items will be accepted, as we already have many items to display and sell. I have a number of people interested in working the table on these days. If you are interested in assisting please contact Lynn Faenza via cell phone/text at 440-241-1794; email at Lmfaenza@gmail.com; or talk to me at the meeting.

Hospitality Committee – Jane Morris, *Chair*

If anyone would like to bring something for the September meeting for Hospitality, it would be greatly appreciated. Only one person signed up to bring refreshments for the September 15 meeting. I will have a sign-up sheet for October and November at our next meeting.

Block of the Month – Brenda Garofolo & Mary Ellen Butler, *Co-Chairs*

We were excited to see the first blocks at the August Guild meeting! Thanks to all that shared their blocks; we hope to see more at the September meeting!



If you haven't had the chance to start, please join the fun; the blocks are fast and easy to complete!

Sunshine Committee – Elaine Wise, *Chairs*

No cards sent this month! Everyone stay healthy and Happy Fall!

2025 Red, White and Blue Challenge – Luci Slywka, *Chair*

The 2025 Quilt Challenge is here! Instructions and guidelines are attached to this email. Challenge quilts are due at the December meeting – **December 15, 2025**. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded with cash prizes. Membership present at the December meeting will vote.

September Birthdays

Wishing all a very Happy Birthday!

Ellen Snyder – September 1

Darryl Conrad – September 13

Adele Hetzel – September 23

Charlene VanDeWeerd – September 11

Jane Morris – September 14

Pat Ellert – September 30

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE GUILD

NEORQC News *(submitted by Jim Armstrong)*

The next NEORQC meeting will take place on October 4th. The address is: United Methodist Church, 8940 OH-43, Streetsboro, OH 44241. The current NEORQC newsletter is attached.

Doors open at 9:30 am and the meeting starts at 10:00 am. There is an opportunity for everyone to enter an “Eye” Spy Quilt Challenge: <https://www.neorqconline.org/neorqc-2019-20-fabric-challenge/> There are no special directions for the challenge other than to include an eye(s) somewhere within the quilt. There are no size or fabric requirements. If you have the opportunity, please participate – it would be greatly appreciated!

Registration for the **2026 NEORQC Getaway, "Quilters Still Play with Blocks,"** opens on September 1st. The registration form is attached for your use. Please remember to **print legibly** when completing the form. Classes are assigned in the order registrations are received. We will try to accommodate your first choice. The 2026 Getaway is February 20-22, 2026. We have a new location, Crown Plaza in Middleburg Heights.

Included with your registration is a 2-night stay (double occupancy); Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch; classroom instruction; sewing area; refreshments; hotel amenities; taxes and gratuities. The event opens on Friday with registration at 10:00 and classes beginning at 2:00 p.m. On Saturday, classes will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a lunch break. The event will conclude on Sunday after the last class (which runs from 9:00 to 11:00 am) and a luncheon with a presentation of the class projects. Two vendors will be on-site for your needs, and scissor sharpening will be available on Saturday.

The current listing of class options for the 2026 NEORQC Getaway is provided for your convenience and review on the NEORQC website, www.neorqconline.org. Deciding which class to choose will be a challenge. Each of these projects is beautiful and sure to be of interest!

Registration closes November 15th, 2025. Please come and join us for a fun weekend. Continue to check the website and NEORQC Facebook page for updates and more details. Happy Quilting, from Barbara King, NEORQC President

Lake Metroparks Quilt Show 2026 (submitted by Jim Armstrong)

Andrea Pasquale (apasquale@lakemetroparks.com) is looking for 2 to 3 presenters for the Lake Metroparks Quilt Show in 2026 (NE Ohio). This would be a theater presentation format on Sunday afternoons in April as a slide or slide and trunk show. Hoping to put together an “inspirational” series. Please pass onto instructors and or quilt artists.

Proposals should be sent to Andrea Pasquale, Lake Metroparks Quilt Show, 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd., Kirtland, OH, 44094 by end of September 2025 if possible. Please include a description of lecture, technology and table/space needs, lecture fee and any contact information.

I look forward to hearing from interested speakers!
Andrea Pasquale (apasquale@lakemetroparks.com)

North Coast Needlers Quilt Guild – “Ruby Jubilee” Quilt Show. (See attached flyer.)
Saturday, October 18 (10 am – 5 pm) and Sunday, October 19, 2025 (11 am – 4 pm)

Don Umerley Civic Center
21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116
Free Parking – Handicap Accessible
Admission: \$5 - Ages 10 and under: Free

Traditional, Contemporary & Art Quilts

Vendors - Raffle Quilt - Raffle Baskets
Boutique (handmade items) - Quilts for Sale

For more information:

www.NorthCoastNeedlers.com

NCNquiltShows@gmail.com

Facebook: North Coast Needlers Quilt Guild –

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/538530379499226>

Lorain County Piecemakers Quilt Guild Quilt Show – September 12-14, 2025 – New Russia Township Lodge (submitted by Brenda Garofolo). The Lorain County Piecemakers quilt show includes over 100 quilts from antique to modern, with special exhibits and Member Challenges. A quilt will be raffled and lunch, desserts and beverages are available to purchase. Also included are raffle baskets, vendors, a door prize and Country Store. Admission is \$5; there is free parking. The show is located at 46300 Butternut Ridge Road, Oberlin, Ohio 44074.

Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting magazine discount offer – Common Threads members have been offered the opportunity to receive, individually, a substantially discounted subscription of **Love of Quilting Magazine** for a yearly price of \$15. *(Normally their subscription prices are \$59.95 per year.)*

If you wish to take advantage of this offer, you must use this link:

https://gpm.dragonforms.com/loading.do?omedasite=LOQ_promo&pk=N5HCTQGL.

We will keep the guild updated regarding this offer. *[Editor Note: After you subscribe, make sure to log into your account and turn off “auto renew”. This will give you the option to try this new magazine without being obligated to subscribing at a higher price.]*

Cherrywood Challenge – Everybody has stories and illustrations etched into their memories from childhood. That favorite story you read over and over as a child can be passed along to your children and grandchildren...much like a quilt. This challenge is all about connection, imagination and nostalgia. The Cherrywood Challenge has become a highly-anticipated annual contest that gives you a spark of an idea and eight colors. You take it from there and see how far you can push yourself. For more information, see attached flyer or go to:

https://cherrywoodfabrics.com/products/storytime-challenge-bundles?_hsmi=369396535&utm_campaign=Marketing%20Partner%20-%202024&utm_content=369396535&utm_medium=email&utm_source=hs_email&variant=46627866050814

All Ohio Shop Hop – The “All Ohio Shop Hop” has started! It runs from August 1 through September 30, 2025. You can just complete one of 6 regions or try for the whole state. What’s more important is that it’s a fun way to explore different quilt shops and meet other quilters. There are still magazines with the passports available. Have fun hopping! <https://allohioshophop.com/>

Bluegrass Quilt Appraisal – Join us September 12 and 13, for Quilt Documentation Days led by certified appraiser Vickie Coleman of Bluegrass Quilt Appraisal. Participants will receive documentation about their quilt that may include such information as its materials, pattern, creator, and other unique features of the quilt. This documentation can be a valuable resource for understanding and preserving your quilt's history.

[Watch this free on-demand webinar](#) to learn more about the importance of documenting treasured quilts and how the documentation process works. Registration is required, and space is limited. Don't miss out on this exclusive National Quilt Museum opportunity. [Register here](#). The project is funded in part through an America250KY Grant made possible through the Kentucky Arts Council and the Kentucky Historical Society.

Who We Are:

Common Threads was started over 30 years ago by 15 founding members. We currently have over sixty members and are actively seeking new members to join us. Our purpose is to “promote fellowship while increasing and encouraging interest and knowledge of our members in all aspects of the art of quilting.” Highlights of membership include community, a triennial Quilt Show, and an opportunity to learn from seasoned guild members and speakers.

As a Common Threads guild member: we **Learn** • we **Teach** • we **Give Back**.

Guild Officers – 2024-2026 Term:

- President – Betty Deemer
- 1st Vice President – Luci Slywka (Programming)
- 2nd Vice President – Jim Armstrong (Fundraising)
- Secretary – Mary Ellen Butler
- Treasurer – Donna Kowicki

Newsletter Editor – Anna Costanzo, *Editor*

Please email your submissions for the next newsletter by **Wednesday, October 1**, to **Anna Costanzo**: scmusicae@gmail.com

Attachments:

2025 – 2026 Common Threads Members – as of August 2025
BOM pattern for block 2 – King's Crown
2025 Red White and Blue Challenge with Facing Instructions
North Coast Needlers Flyer
NEORQC Newsletter
NEORQC 2026 Getaway Registration
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