



A SNAPSHOT OF OUR MEETINGS

Announcements : pertinent information of pending quilt shows, Guild activities and a report from the Sunshine Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary's Report

Business Meeting : discussion of Guild activities including community service projects and future social events.

Refreshments : Opportunity for members to socialize while enjoying coffee and desserts provided by our members.

Program : wide variety of presentations ranging from demonstrations of quilting techniques to guest speakers on topics of interest to quilters.

FUN STUFF

Block of the Month : block raffle. Pattern is distributed and members may make as many blocks as they wish. Each block equals one chance to win all.

Fat Quarter of the Month : fabric raffle. Themed fabric is selected each month. Each fat quarter contributed equals one chance to win all.

50/50 : Monthly proceeds of tickets split between winning member and the Sunshine Fund which also finances Project Linus. Tickets are \$.50 each.

Show and Share : members show their quilting projects

Annual Challenge Quilt : members meet the challenge of creating a quilt following a set of guidelines



MEMBERSHIP

Anyone interested in the art of quilting is welcome to join our Guild regardless of race, creed, gender or ability. Membership is open to quilters of all levels of expertise, from beginners to the most advanced. Annual dues are \$25 and are collected at the first business meeting of the calendar year.

Membership benefits include:

- ☪ Monthly meetings, workshops and classes
- ☪ Monthly newsletter with complete information of Guild activities
- ☪ Access to a Guild library
- ☪ Opportunity to participate in Shop Hops and Quilting Retreats
- ☪ Social events including a summer picnic and Christmas party
- ☪ Drawings for block of the month, fat quarter of the month, 50/50 drawing
- ☪ Eligibility to be awarded the member's quilt (Guild offers financing and membership assistance with quilt of member's choice)
- ☪ Active participation in biannual quilt show
- ☪ Inspiration galore!

Visitors are always welcome!
Guests may attend two meetings and receive two newsletters before deciding to join.

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TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD

Founded 1982



The
Twin City Quilters
Guild is a nonprofit organization founded in 1982 and is open to anyone interested in the art of quilting. The goals of the Guild include : gathering people with a common interest, preserving the heritage of quilting, providing a source of information and inspiration, perpetuating excellence in quilting and related crafts.

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TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD

OUR HISTORY

In the summer of 1982, a few lines in the local newspaper (Tonawanda News) announced that a meeting would be held at the home of Ruth Dinardo to organize a quilting guild. The six founding members, Ruth Dinardo, Gert Szymanski, Karen Wilczek McMurdo, Joyce Morris, Joan Preisler Rockenbrock and Jeanne Randall, envisioned a group sharing ideas, expertise and fellowship. At that meeting it was decided to contact the Carnegie Cultural Center for our meetings. Since the group ratified its constitution in November 1983, the Guild has grown to more than 100 members encompassing all levels of quilting experience. We have promoted and encouraged the art of quilting through program meetings, seminars, workshops, quilting retreats, charitable works, shows and friendships built around our love of quilting.

The Guild has met in a number of locations through the years to accommodate expanding membership. From the Carnegie Cultural Center, we moved to the YWCA in North Tonawanda, then to the North Tonawanda Public Library. Since September 2001, with Guild membership over 100, the beautiful new Wheatfield Community Center has been our home.

Monthly meetings, quilting retreats, summer picnics and holiday parties have provided members with the opportunity to share their projects and ideas. Programs and seminars over the years have ranged from learning new techniques to discovering all the latest quilting notions to conserving antique quilts. Our monthly newsletter, which has grown from a one-page first edition in 1992 to a multi-paged publication, keeps members in touch with all the latest Guild news and activities. "Shop Hops" and bus tours have allowed members to indulge their passion for 'just one more yard of fabric'. Every

Charitable works have been a hallmark of Guild activities. Quilts have been donated to raise money for many local charities. Over the years, quilts have been donated to raise money for Mary's Room of the American Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House, WNED-TV, the World University Games, YWCA of the Tonawandas and the North Tonawanda Public Library. Guild members have contributed over 2,500 quilts to Project Linus, a program that supplies quilts to ill, traumatized, or needy children. After the heartbreak of September 11, 2001, the Guild donated a quilt that was raffled off to raise money for the Widows and Orphans Fund for those involved in that tragedy. Locally, Guild members made many of the 500 Linus quilts given to children involved in the recent tragic crash of Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, NY. Breast cancer comfort pillows as well as walker-wheelchair bags are also a part of our continual contributions to our community.

Quilt shows and open houses have also been opportunities for the Guild to share its love of quilting with the community. Our first show was held at the Carnegie Cultural Center in 1983 and welcomed 350 visitors. It was no easy task launching that first show. Quilts, which were referred to as 'blankets' by the then director of the Center, were being hung for the show while a local theater group, Ghostlight Theatre, was conducting rehearsals for a play. Subsequent shows have been held at the Wheatfield Community Center featuring displays, demonstrations, auctions and boutique items which have showcased the Guild members' skill and dedication.

WE MEET

Guild meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM at the Wheatfield Community Center. The Center is located at 2800 Church Road next to the Town of Wheatfield Town Hall (from Niagara Falls Blvd, turn south onto Rt. 429 (Ward Rd.), make an immediate right onto Church Road).

Following a business meeting and refreshments, members and guests enjoy a program ranging from quilting techniques to a presentation by a nationally known teacher. In addition, Guild members display their projects during a 'Show & Share' session.

Supplementing our monthly meetings are day-long workshops such as those for Project Linus, UFOs (unfinished projects) and periodic quilting retreats. Special committees also work on specific projects.

Guild members stay in touch through a monthly newsletter featuring all of the Guild's events, announcements, meeting notices, quilt related educational information, tips and quilting patterns.

WE SHARE WITH THE COMMUNITY

Community service projects supported by the Guild include Project Linus, walker-wheelchair bags for use in local skilled nursing facilities and pink ribbon comfort pillows for those who are fighting breast cancer. The proceeds of a biannual member-made quilt are donated to local charities.

The Guild is proud to sponsor a biannual quilt show. This display of quilts, special exhibits and vendors offers us an opportunity to share our love of quilting with the public.