



Westerville Quilt Guild

# NEWS

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## May 26, 2026

### Jennie Burden — President-of-the-Month Scandinavian Fabric Stars



Jennie Burden is President of the Month for May. She'll do a hands-on program, making Scandinavian stars. Jennie will provide prepared fabric strips for each member to make 2 folded stars; the fabric choices are Christmas, OSU and patriotic colors. If you'd like to prepare strips to make additional stars in your choice of fabric, here are simple directions.

Fold and Press the Fabric to Make 1" Wide Strips

- ◆ Cut 4 fabric strips 4" x 15", two each in contrasting colors. Fold fabric strip in half lengthwise (wrong sides together) and press, using sizing or spray starch. Then open it and fold the long edges inward toward the center, press. Fold in again to make a 1" x 15" ribbon.
- ◆ Use light spray starch or sizing to give your ribbon body. (I also like to store my pieces under a heavy book or glass to flatten them.)
- ◆ Optional supplies you might want to bring:
  - ◆ "Magic clips" to hold the strips together
  - ◆ Small, sharp scissors
  - ◆ Jennie will supply everything else

For other sizes:

Finished size	Cut size
2½	2 x 11
3½	3 x 16
4½	4 x 22
5½	5 x 27½

Source: <https://sewcanshe.com/how-to-make-scandinavian-star-ornaments/>



### 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](mailto:westervillequiltguild@gmail.com)

## Fun With Fabric 2026

### Daytime Workshop Meeting!

As you probably saw from the Facebook posts, our workdays have been most productive.

Our inaugural workshop produced two patriotic pot holder quilts for 4th Trimester. We have collected enough "potholders" for at least two more tummy time quilts.

Our second meeting was a strip tease! We were contacted to finish a quilt that the owner's mother had started. The quilt is 4x5 with 16" finished blocks and 3" sashing. The blocks are string pieced on the diagonal on 8.5" background pieces. The kit we received had pieces completed for 14 blocks. We were able to complete pieces for four more blocks so only two to go!

Our next workshop meeting will be a continuation of our charity work. Bring your machine and work on potholder quilts or string piecing. Feel free to bring handwork or other projects you want to work on or kvetch about. If you need an assist with Scandinavian Star ornaments, Jennie graciously offered to be available.

Please join us!

## FWF Challenges 2026

### OHIO STAR



OhioQuilts!, a statewide quilt guild, issued a challenge for Ohio Star quilts. Quilts can be any size but must include at least one Ohio Star Block. Quilts due at September meeting.

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## 2026 Program Sneak Peek



*May 26 - Scandinavian Stars — Jennie Burden*

*June 23 - Stars & Stripes — Kathy Strohm*

*July 28 - Katy Coffey, Becky Lance, Jeff Bretthauer — Annual Picnic*

*August 25 - Siddi Kiwandi - Shannon Bartlett & Lisa Smith*

*September 22 - String Quilts - Judy Theil*

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

*November 17 - Janice Baer, Jeff Bretthauer, & Connie Gelfer — Annual Holiday Party*



The May basket's theme is "MAYrry Christmas!" Fabric, candy, and more!

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

## FWF Challenges 2026

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### TEMPERATURE QUILT

A temperature quilt uses quilt blocks over the course of a year (or however long you want) to track the high and low temperatures of each day in a given location.



Quilts due at February 2027 meeting.

### AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION BOM



America 250 celebration BOM month theme blocks

JAN — Ohio Firsts — Ohio Star

FEB — Ohio Works — Monkey Wrench

MAR — Ohio Entertains — Arts Square

APR — Ohio Moves — Propeller

MAY — Ohio Creates — Flights of Fancy

JUN — Ohio Outdoors — Ohio Trails

JUL — Ohio Gathers — Picnic Basket

AUG — Ohio Goes to the Fair — State Fair

SEP — Ohio Plays — Pinwheel Variations

OCT — Ohio Grows — Corn and Beans

NOV — Ohio Serves — Sawtooth Star

DEC — Future Ohio — Bright Hopes

For more information on America 250 Ohio go to <https://tka.1c9.myftpupload.com/2026-celebration-themes/>



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.

Save these Dates:

Instructor announcements: April 2026

Workshops, Lectures, Special Events, and Multi-Day Tickets:

Early Member Registration Opens: 6/9/2026 at 10 a.m.

General Registration Opens: 6/23/26 at 10 a.m.

Online Registration Closes: 9/21/2026 at 5 p.m.

**Cincinnati, OH (Sharonville)**  
Sharonville Convention Center  
October 15, 16, & 17, 2026

Exhibit Hall Hours:  
Thurs. & Fri. 10am-5:30pm  
Sat. 10am-5:00pm

## 2026 Committees

### Executive Committee

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

### Hospitality:

Becky Lance

### Fun with Fabric & Service:

Shannon Bartlett  
DeeAnn Haworth  
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

## May is Older Americans Month



Every year in May, Older Americans Month recognizes the contributions of older adults across the nation.

While raising families and building careers, older Americans also gave back to their communities in a variety of ways. In their lifetime, times have changed and they continue to volunteer and serve their neighborhoods in their own ways. Whether they mentored children, volunteered at a soup kitchen, or served their country, each one deserves recognition for their commitment.

Older Americans Month also serves to raise awareness concerning elder abuse and neglect. As we age, the risk of abuse and neglect increases. We must be sure resources are in place to protect our older population from the risks of abuse and neglect. One way is to maintain involvement in community activities and social activities. It helps to maintain our overall health and vitality.

Take part in Older Americans Month no matter what your age. Get involved and learn more by visiting [oam.acl.gov](https://oam.acl.gov). Use #OlderAmericansMonth to share on social media.

President Gerald Ford proclaimed Older Americans Month in 1976.

From: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/celebrations/older-americans-month-may>



### 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](mailto:oside@att.net), telephone: 614-208-2857 (cell).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lisa Smith), WQG Newsletter Editor.