



Westerville Quilt Guild

NEWS

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July 28, 2026 — 6:30 pm Katy Coffey, Becky Lance, Jeff Bretthauer — Presidents-of-the-Month Annual Picnic

Ah, its summer. Time for fun, friendships, and food! And for our quilt guild- time for our summer picnic. America is celebrating 250 years... we are just celebrating each other.

Please join us on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at St Paul Lutheran Church for our picnic.

BBQ chicken, plates, silverware, lemonade, and water will be provided.

In the interest of keeping it simple and seeing what fun we can have, bring whatever side dish or dessert you want to share. Maybe we'll have all side dishes, maybe it will all be desserts- whatever it is will be a surprise.

We are starting 30 minutes earlier than normal, since it's for dinner. So, arrive at 6 p.m. for social time. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. We will be in the shelter behind the church. If it looks like the weather won't cooperate (storms or too hot), we will send out a message via email the day before.

As always, bring your show and tell... whatever you've made we will be appreciative of the hard work you put into it.

Also, if you'd like to play a game... We will play right, left, center.... But for our fun twist, bring a fat quarter you are dying to get rid of — something you don't like! Dare I say, something you now think is ugly. What you don't like, someone else may LOVE!! And if not, it'll be fun anyway. We hereby promise not to judge anyone's past purchases.... maybe you had quilting store fever when you bought it. Who knows what you were thinking?



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

Daytime Workshop Meeting!

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

And we have a fun time too!

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 1-4 pm. 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.**

FWF Challenges 2026

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

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2026 Program Sneak Peek



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 July basket's theme is "Float Like a Butterfly!" Fabric, candy, and more!

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

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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.

Secret Sisters

Please remember your Sister this month. If you are not going to be at guild, please find someone else to bring your gift. Thanks!



Queen Bee

Please remember to bring this month's block to the meeting.

If you missed last month, look at our text group to get the pattern. Thank you!



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



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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: 614-208-2857 (cell).



July is National Picnic Month!

When the weather gets warmer and the rains of spring have abated, the outdoors are beckoning all those adventurous families who are out to have fun in the sun. Local parks have finally come out from under the pall of cloud gray skies, and picnics can begin in earnest!

Sausage rolls and Fried Chicken, Fresh Fruit and Lemonade, these are the hallmarks of a great meal out of doors. National Picnic Month encourages you to get out and celebrate the warm summer days and find your love and wonder of the outdoors again while enjoying some great food!

How to celebrate National Picnic Month

Picnic month is exceptionally easy to celebrate! You just have to get outside into the world and enjoy all the wonderful sights and smells it has to offer. Get your family and friends together at a favorite nearby park and bring your favorite foods that can be eaten cold for a traditional picnic, or bring a small grill and prepare warm delicious food on the spot!

History of National Picnic Month

Throughout the recorded history of civilization, there has always been something special about leaving the stuffy confines of your home and eating a meal outdoors. We know there's a beautiful world out there waiting for us to come visit it, and when summer comes around we're reminded just how much time we've been locked inside or being eager to come in from the cold. The word 'picnic' is thought to have first been used by Tony Willis in 1692, and from that point forward everyone from the working class to the upper crust have been fascinated with taking their repast outside under the sky.

From: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-picnic-month/>

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.