



Ohio Quilts!! Newsletter

Summer 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Beth Rohrbacher

Hello Fellow Ohio Quilters!

It seems so long since we've been together! I hope you are all healthy and safe. When I look back to the beginning of March, it's mind boggling how much our lives have changed in such a short time. I would never have predicted by mid-August we'd still be dealing with the Coronavirus, making and wearing masks, canceling the MAC and OSU football seasons, and pushing back the start of the 2020-2021 school year. I used this time to do a lot of cleaning/organizing, cooked more meals than I have cooked in the previous five years ☺, read a lot of books, walked for miles in our Metroparks, and just finished third in my golf league, along with my golf partner, for our Scramble scores. WooHoo!

How about you? What did you do differently these past months? Did you establish new habits, try out a new hobby, become a grandparent? If you send me pictures, I'll try to incorporate them in a special newsletter.

Your Ohio Quilts!! Executive Board has been meeting regularly using the ZOOM platform. We have had many discussions about events, finances, and membership. In all our decisions, the overriding concern was for your safety. Thus, the reason we cancelled the Spring retreat in Millersburg and the Summer retreat at Zinck's in Berlin. Based on your responses to our recent email poll, we have decided to **CANCEL the 2020 ANNUAL MEETING**. We decided against holding the meeting in the Spring, and will setting a date for September 2021.

We will push the Challenge, *OH MY STARS!*, to next year's meeting, as well as the report from the Gathering of Quilters guild (Toledo) about how they utilized the grant money. But we will need to hold elections to elect a Vice President, Treasurer, Education Director, Communications, and several Members at Large. We will do this primarily through email. The Nomination Committee of Anne Crabbs <acrabbs65@gmail.com>, Kathy Vermillion <kvermillion002@roadrunner.com>, and Donna Ufferman <dauanddku@yahoo.com> are busy compiling a slate of candidates. If you are interested in helping our guild and running for an office, let them know. I promise you, you'll have fun!

Other decisions include:

- Rolling your Membership dues you paid for 2020 over to 2021. So no dues in 2021, if you paid your dues in 2020.
- Holding registration for the Fall quilt retreat in Millersburg for October 25th-29th, 2020. You can elect to come for one, two, three, or four nights; hope you can join us!

MEMBERSHIP – Ruth Barry

We have 47 members at this time. If you have not joined this year, we hope you'll join again soon **AND** encourage a friend to join as well. Remember, if you pay your dues in 2020, your dues will roll over to cover 2021! ☺ A membership form will be attached to the newsletter and available on the website.

RETREAT – Elaine Fisher

The Spring Retreat is at The Hotel Millersburg in Millersburg, OH. The date is Oct. 25-29, 2020.

Registration is as follows:

1st - You will obtain lodging yourself by calling the Hotel Millersburg (330-674-1457 ext. 107) for a room reservation. The cost of rooms per night, are \$65 for a double and \$79 for a single.

AND

2nd – You complete a registration form for the retreat. The form is attached and on the website. You send the form to Elaine Fisher, 910 Carnation Drive, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

AND

3rd Send a copy of the registration form and a \$20 registration fee (and your Membership dues if necessary) to Mary Abbott; 2869 Losantiville Ave.; Cincinnati, OH 45213.

Keep your fingers crossed that it will happen, but we'll keep you informed if the health risks or restrictions need us to cancel. The flyer for the Millersburg Retreat will be attached to the newsletter and on the website.



TREASURER'S REPORT – Mary Abbott

For the time period of 3/23/20 – 8/3/20

\$19,680.16 Total Assets in checking account and CD

- 2,633.00 Income (Dues, Partial reservations for Zinck's retreat)
- 5,416.43 Expenditures (Return of retreat reservations, Insurance, CD Deposit, State filing fees)

\$17, 235.73 Ending balance

GET TO KNOW AN OQ!! BOARD MEMBER – Introducing RUTH BARRY

Ruth is the current Membership Chairman and has served as a Member at Large in the past. She is a retired registered nurse and hails from Cincinnati. Ruth loves knitting, quilting, gardening, and traveling. She enjoys the creative outlet which quilting offers, because “you can do anything you want”. Ruth belongs to both a weekly quilting and knitting groups, and enjoying meeting so many friendly and talented people. We are very lucky to have Ruth on our Executive Board!!!

BITS & PIECES

- One of goals to increase our membership in NE and SE Ohio. If you have any ideas how to do this, are a member of guild in these areas, or have quilting friends in these areas, let us know.

Attachments:

- **2020 Membership Form**
- **Fall Retreat Registration**



IN MY SEWING ROOM *thou shalt not ...*

- ... ask when it will be finished
- ... cut anything with my fabric scissors
- ... request that I hem your pants
- ... speak to me when I have seam ripper in hand
- ... tell me I have too much fabric
- ... push buttons on my sewing machine
- ... bring me your clothes to iron
- ... pull on any loose threads
- ... wonder aloud why I'm still in my pajamas
- ... come looking for food—this is not the kitchen

