

West Central Ohio Quilters Guild 2026 Retreat

Hotel Registration Info: January 15-19, 2026, Lima Howard Johnson Inn, 419-222-0004. Please ask for your sleeping room reservations in the WCOQG Room Block to get the lower negotiated rate.

We will have a dazzling array of classes, great food, raffles, surprises and **Fun for all** with plenty of sewing time.

As a reminder, we follow the policies described below:

- 1 Only current 2025 Guild members may register for the 2026 retreat. A registration fee of \$100 plus 2026 dues of \$15 (\$115 total) must accompany your completed retreat registration form and membership form. Registration begins at the September Guild meeting. If you are not a 2025 WCOQG member, you may pay the \$15 dues for 2025 along with the 2026 dues plus retreat fees for a total of \$130. Late registration fees also apply--an additional \$10 for November, an additional \$15 for December
Fees are non-refundable unless the Retreat is cancelled. If it becomes necessary to cancel Retreat, you will receive a refund for the Retreat fees. Dues of \$15 will not be refunded.
- 2 **Contact the Retreat Chair, Debbie Green (419-234-0244, debbiegreen0244@gmail.com), as soon as possible if you find you cannot attend the retreat after having paid your registration fee.** Retreat Chair will determine if a **current WCOQG member** on the waiting list may want to take your place. If there is no waiting list, you may submit the name of a current member to Retreat Chair in order to properly register that member to take your place at retreat.
- 3 Retreat attendees must abide by Hotel and Guild rules and regulations which include, but are not limited to:
No alcohol in the sewing room or classroom area
Only paid participants in the classroom (personal assistance to load or transport your supplies, excepted).
WCOQG and Howard Johnson Motel are not responsible for lost, stolen, damaged, or misplaced items.
Anyone signing up for Retreat agrees to abide by these rules and policies. Violators will be subject to expulsion from the retreat and no fees will be refunded
- 4 Small accessory tables are allowed **IF** they do not stick out into the aisle or block egress in any way.
- 5 All WCOQG members are volunteers. Therefore, no one will be paid for his or her services to the Guild.
If a Guild member is teaching a class for the Guild, they may collect \$1.00 donation from each person attending their class to help defray the cost of class preparation and printing of supply lists and handouts.
Pattern or materials fees may be collected if approved by the Retreat Chair and stated before sign up.
- 6 Monies received at the Retreat (Raffle ticket sales, Grab and Go, etc.) are used to fund the following year's Retreat consumable expenses. Guild money is budgeted yearly for ballroom rental at the hotel and is supplemented by Retreat Fees. Registration fees include 8 meals.
- 7 Retreat participants should list any food allergies or special needs on the registration form. The food vendors will be notified of your needs, but you are ultimately responsible for checking before consuming any food or beverages to assure your needs have been met. You are encouraged to bring your own snacks and drinks to supplement meals.
- 8 **DO NOT BRING OR USE ANY IRONS AT YOUR ASSIGNED TABLES.** Ironing stations will be set up for your use.
No fusibles are allowed unless they are enclosed in a parchment or silicon pressing sheet.
- 9 Please be prompt to classes, quiet during the presentation, and keep cell phones off or inaudible during class.
- 10 **Be respectful of others and use earbuds if you wish to listen to music.**
- 11 You may choose any number of classes or forego classes and plan to work on your own pieces.
- 12 Remember to check the website: www.wcoqg.com for Retreat information, supply lists, photos, and updates.
- 13 Attendees should bring and wear your neck wallet (name tag) while in the sewing room.
- 14 All attendees are requested to abide by social distancing. Masks are considered respectful to others as you move around the room. Use hand sanitizer when using shared equipment such as irons, ice water station, water fountains, restrooms, etc. Use your own water bottles, drink cans, thermos, drinking cup, etc.
- 15 Your attendance and participation in the WCOQG Retreat, January 15-19, 2026, are at your own risk. You agree to hold the Howard Johnson Lima and its staff and the West Central Ohio Quilters Guild and event planners harmless of any and all liability.