

April 2016

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The guild meets each 2nd Thursday at the Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Building at 1291 Conneaut Street, Bowling Green, OH. Doors open at 6 p.m.
The December meeting is a brunch at the Bowling Green Country Club.
www.blackswampquilters.org Carol Harper, webmaster

President's Message

As I write this on March 25, spring is slow to come. May your challenge project be coming along at a faster pace. It will be exciting to see the variety of Modern Quilts that are entered in the Challenge. This is a very different type of Challenge this year and I hope many of you participate.

This is a busy month for Black Swamp Quilters with our Birthday celebration, Challenge Quilt contest, sign up for "I'd Rather 'Bee' Quilting" Retreat, and helping with the Art Walk in Bowling Green. There is also the Sauder Quilt Show and continuing sign up for The Singing concert and trunk show. Cannot forget we will also be meeting our Round Robin group.

Aren't you happy to be a part of such an active quilt group?

Ruth

April 14th Meeting - Color Me Modern 2016 Challenge Reveal

The challenge was to use solids at least three of the five colors selected by the committee and make a modern quilt. Yes, solids only; yes, it must be quilted; no, you are not limited on colors as long as you include at least three of the challenge colors. Please bring your completed challenge in a brown paper bag, and the committee will take care of the rest.

Bowling Green Art Walk April 23rd

The Art Walk Quilt Show is just a few weeks away and will be a great way to showcase our talents to the community. The committee made a wonderful quilt to be raffled off by the Busy Thimble, with proceeds going toward flowers for downtown BG. Both the space and advertising are being provided by the Busy Thimble. Bring your quilts to the Busy Thimble on Thursday, April 21st, or drop

them off at Mary Lee's house. Don't worry – you'll still have time to get your quilt to Sauder if you entered it there. Gretchen Schultz will deliver quilts to Archbold; quilts entered in Sauder will be returned at the May meeting unless other arrangements are made.

Special Speaker Program in May

Cathy Miller, The Singing Quilter, is coming to our guild for a lecture/show on Friday, May 13th. The lecture that begins at 7 p.m. is free, but you must make a "reservation" for a seat. There are plenty of seats available for the lecture. Cathy is conducting a six-hour workshop on Saturday, May 14th on Mock Mola, raw edge reversible applique with your sewing machine. Workshop space is limited and there is a sign up list. If more than 20 people sign up, there will be a raffle. Find more information on the workshop at www.singingquilter.com. For reservations for the lecture and/or workshop, contact Carol Hicks at hicks.carol@yahoo.com or 419-265-5969. Please specify in your email if you would like to attend the lecture, the workshop, or both.

Round Robin Update

20 people signed up for Round Robins! This gave us enough people to have 4 groups. There will be 2 groups of 4 quilters each for the Borders Around quilt. They will have each round for 2 months to work on the border before passing it on; The Row Quilt and the Vase Quilt group each has 7 members. Can't wait to see what great quilts we will create.

The starting date to 'Pass the Tote' has been moved to the May meeting because the challenge quilts are due in April. We will be working and passing the quilts back and forth each meeting; with November's exchange, you will get your quilt back. This gives you 5 months to finish the quilts because we would like to have them shown at the March 2017 meeting.

I will be sending out further details to each group this week. So watch for them in your e-mail. – Marsha Randles

Pemberville Free Fair Quilt Show August 19th & 20th

Ruth received the following letter; it will be discussed at the April meeting.

"As the chairperson of the Pemberville Quilt Show, I've been trying to think of ways to include our local quilt guilds and groups on our show. So I wanted to run an idea by your guild: because there just are not enough Pemberville Historical Society members that really know about quilting and so many people ask

questions or just want to talk quilts. I am thinking about having the local quilt guilds each take a day at the Pemberville Quilt Show. Each group could have their members (two people working in 2 hour shifts) available throughout the day to answer questions about quilts, talk about their guild and the projects they work on, etc. If you are having a fundraiser, you could sell tickets at the venue on your day. Is this something your group would be interested in? Give it a share with the ladies and let me know. Thanks! Beth Sanders quiltmakerb@gmail.com”

2016 Retreat – “I’d Rather Bee Quilting”

The BSQG annual retreat will be held October 20-23 at the Quality Inn in Fremont. Reservations for the retreat will begin in April for guild members. Rooms are available now for \$75/night; tell the reservation clerk you are with Black Swamp Quilters to get this rate. Non-members registration will begin in May.

A Look Back

Hi Cindy, this photo is from our very first challenge in 1990. There were 12 completed pieces by the May meeting deadline. Shown is Anne Donald with her kite wall hanging.

- Kathy Haver



Book review

I wanted to share with my quilting buddies about a book I just finished. It was printed in 2008, so many might already have read it. The author is Marie Bostwick. The book is titled, "A Single Thread." It is a story of how a Texan ends up in Connecticut, begins a new life as a quilt store owner, and finds many friends, with quilting as the 'thread' that pulls everything together. It was very easy and heartfelt reading with many recognizable quilting experiences. – Sandy Lepper

Mini Groups

Daytime Mini Group

The day time group meets on Mondays morning. Contact Grace Stinchcomb for more information. 419-265-1513

Charity Quilters/All Charities

Second Monday of the month, @ Shari Wiseman's, 9:30-4:00 p.m. Bring a project to work on; donation fabric, batting, and backing are available. Bring your own lunch. Call before coming. 419-422-9371. April 11th.

Art Quilt, Coffee, and Quilt Chat

Wednesday after regular meeting @ Grounds for Thought, 7-9:00 p.m. Join us for sharing, help, and advice on quilting issues, and general quilting questions. Contact Denise Beck for info. April 20th.

Charity Quilters/St V.'s

Third Friday of the month, @ Karen Glassford's, 9:30-4:00 p.m. Bring a project to work on. Donation fabric and batting is available. Bring your own lunch. April 15th.

*** Editor's note: this newsletter was completed by Denise Beck. Cindy Huffman had a family emergency.