



April 2018

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Guild meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Building at 1291 Conneaut St., Bowling Green, Ohio. Doors open at 6:00 pm. The December meeting is a brunch at the Bowling Green County Club.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this organization is to promote the development and appreciation of quilting in our community and to educate interested persons in all aspects of quilting.

President's Message

Happy Spring Quilters!

I am writing this on the first day of spring. The first things that come to mind are crocuses, sunshine, working outdoors; but when I look out my window, I see snow. Not a lot, but it just keeps coming. I am not complaining mind you, snowflakes are beautiful and knowing that no two are alike is pure wonder to me. Since there is nothing I can do about it, I will choose to enjoy this beauty and try to wait patiently for the sunshine and flowers.

Our special speaker this year is Debbie Grifka. I am looking forward to taking her class because Cheryl Darr, who is on the committee and promised to sit by me at the class, assures me that this is something that I CAN DO. Totally out of my comfort zone, but I am open to trying.

As I looked at Debbie's works online, I found many of her quilts that are beautiful. But again, out of my traditionalist box. Then I came upon the quilt found at this link: <http://www.modabakeshop.com/2013/05/basic-math-quilt.html>. It looks easy and traditional, and the pattern and directions are available free online. If we can do this, surely we can try some of her other quilting ideas.

All that to say this – I hope you will sign up for her class and support our guild's special speaker. We can have fun, maybe a few laughs, learn some new techniques – and who knows but that some of us will create something wonderful and exciting!

Happy quilting and see you in class,

Shari



2018 Calendar

Date	Event
April 12	30 th Birthday Party and Challenge Presentations
May 1–6	Sauder Quilt Show
*May 11 - Friday	Special Quilt Speaker (instead of regular meeting) – Debbie Grifka
*May 12 - Saturday	“Lines To Design” – Class by Debbie Grifka; Simpson Bldg., BG
June 14	Regular Meeting – BGSU Prof: Stories & Subtexts in Material (Fabric) -Culture Mystery Quilt Introduced
July 12	Regular Meeting – Virtual Bus Trip to Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska
August 9	Regular Meeting – Nancy Frederick: Press To The Dark Side -Special Quilting SOS Show and Tell
September 13	Regular Meeting – Cathy Frick: Organizing Your Sewing Space; Sunflower Quilts Vends
September 22	Workday at BG Community Center
October 11	Regular Meeting – Quilting/Shopping Outside the Box and Auction
October 18-21	Quilt Retreat - Lima
November 8	Regular Meeting – Carol Hicks: My Millefiore Experience
December 8	Christmas Brunch at BG Country Club

Our Next Meeting

Happy Birthday Black Swamp Quilters! We will be celebrating our 30th Birthday at our next meeting on April 12. Have you started your birthday card for the *Challenge* yet? (See details about this fun event below). You still have plenty of time to join in on the fun and make this year's *Challenge* the best one yet! So, gather your free table items, show-and-tell projects, finish up your birthday card, and be ready to enjoy the party!

*Remember the doors are always open at 6:00 pm for members to relax and socialize. The meeting begins promptly at 7:00 pm.



April Challenge

Make a birthday card for the Black Swamp Quilters Guild as we welcome our 30th year!

Rules:

- Must measure no larger than 17" on the longest side
- Must include a Diamond Shape (30th Anniversary Symbol)
- Any color combo is welcome
- Any method of construction
- Must be quilted with at least three layers (top, middle and bottom)
- May be embellished, but not required
- Must make an envelope for the card

Have fun! Be Creative! Some suggestions --- use your imagination. The card can be a single flat card (think postcard) or folded like a traditional card. It may have flaps, pop-ups...you decide!

Bring the completed card to the April 12, 2018 meeting in its own envelope and in a brown bag. The committee will open the cards and display them for voting.

Art Walk, April 28th in Bowling Green

The Art Walk is Saturday April 28 at the Four Corners in Bowling Green. It runs from 10 am to 4 pm. We are asking for quilts to be on display for the day.

Option 1: You may bring your quilts to the March or April meetings. You MUST have a tag on the back of your quilt with your name clearly visible and who will pick them up after the event.

Option 2: Drop your quilts off to any of the committee members before April 27. You MUST have a tag on the back of your quilt with your name clearly visible and who will pick them up after the event.

The committee members will hang all entries the day before the event.

We will need greeters for both the front and back doors at the Four Corners.

Please let Carol Ballard know if you are interested in helping out.

The committee members are Calista Jo Grogan, Mary Lee Grabowski, Carol Hicks, Elizabeth Wood and Carol Ballard.

This a great way to show off our work and get more recognition of our group. Since it is our 30th year, it will be fun to show off our quilted cards as well.



Happy Spring!

Debbie Grifka is coming in May

The Black Swamp Quilt Guild is excited to be hosting Debbie Grifka who will be presenting the lecture “Lines To Design” on Friday May 11, 7:00 pm at the Simpson Building in Bowling Green (this will replace our regular May meeting). Debbie is the past president of the Ann Arbor Modern Quilt Guild and has authored the book *Lines by Design*. The quilts she will be sharing focus on the graphic impact of the lines in quilt designs. Do not miss Debbie’s workshop on Saturday, May 12. If you are interested in learning more about the workshop and how to sign up, please contact Cheryl Darr.

Donated Fabric

I am happy to say that my committee for dealing with the donated fabric has made much progress. I am sad to say that there will be NO MYSTERY QUILT kits. Because of the amounts needed and poor coordination of fabrics, we could not make up even ONE kit. At the next meeting, we hope to have many kits available. There will be different sizes and we have tried to include backing with each kit if possible. We are NOT providing fabric for binding. Carol Hicks

Attention all Orphan Block Owners

Jacquie Sharrer & the quilt retreat committee are collecting orphan blocks! Every month up until our retreat in October, she is asking members if they have orphan blocks to bring them to our guild meetings or give to a committee member. They can be any size, pattern or color. More details will be coming.

Black Swamp Retreat

The "Falling for Piecing" retreat planning committee is busy planning an exciting event for us! It will be held October 18th – 21st at the Howard Johnson Hotel, 1920 Roschman Ave. in Lima. A form with information for the retreat is included in this newsletter and will be available at the meeting. (Please make all checks payable to the Black Swamp Quilters).

Groups - Everyone is Welcome!

***Art Quilts, Coffee and Quilt Chat**

Wednesday after regular meeting, @ Grounds for Thought, 7:00-9:00.
Join us for sharing, help and advice on quilt issues, and general quilting questions.
Contact Denise Beck for information.

***Charity Quilters/St. V's Group**

Updates for the group will be announced at the April meeting.

***Daytime Mini Group**

March 9 – Pat Ford's Home in Luckey – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Contact Alta Coddling for information.

***Findlay Charity Quilters**

Second Monday of the month, at Shari Wiseman's, 9:30-4:00. Bring a project to work on; donation fabric, batting and backing are available. Bring your own lunch, call before coming.
Contact Shari Wiseman for information.

***Updated information on the charity quilts for St. Vincent's Palliative Care. They really appreciate all the donations made to them, but they can no longer use the small quilts. They ask that any donations from now on be at least the size of a receiving blanket (30" wide by 36" long).



Newsletter Help

We are looking for help with the Newsletter for the months of July and August. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Jenny Morlock at morlock.3@osu.edu

