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The guild meets each 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at the Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Building at 1291 Conneaut Street, Bowling Green, OH. Doors open at 6 pm. The December meeting is a brunch at the B.G. Country Club.  
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## **FEBRUARY 2014**

### **President's Message**

- Hello, from the president who may never get to run a meeting! The 'word' I choose to focus on this year is "Hope." Hope for Spring, hope to accomplish something, hope everyone is safe and warm this long winter, hope we get to have a meeting soon.

- This winter, I have been sewing little, and working on some very old treadle sewing machines. My plan is to actually sew a quilt entirely by foot power. (Maybe a placemat.) I would like to become proficient enough to do some demonstrations this summer. What have YOU been working on?

- Hope to see everyone soon. Stay warm, and make something beautiful.

### **Programs**

#### **Thursday, February 13**

- Members are being asked to bring the Green Thumb Challenge projects that were prepared for the January meeting. Please put them in a brown paper bag. Kelly Jackson, Vice President and Program Chairman, would like to know how many will be bringing projects, so if you are bringing a project and haven't already notified Kelly or your newsletter editor, please do so.

### **Mini Groups**

**St. V's Palliative Care Quilt Group** – February 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The group meets at Karen Glassford's home. NOTE: change of date for February.

**Fabric Art Group** – Wednesday after guild meeting at 'Grounds for Thought,' 7 p.m.

**Daytime** – to be announced.

**Bowling Green Community Quilters** – Group meets on February 27 from 7:00 – 9:30 at the Scout Building in BG City Park.

### **International Quilt Festival**

- The festival is moving back to Chicago this year and the date will change. It will be held in the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois, June 19-21. [www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com)

### **Role of Quilts in History**

- I recently read an interesting article by Julie Taboh in the Voice of American English News. She wrote about a new exhibit in Washington D.C., titled "Workt by Hand; Hidden Labor and Historical Quilts." Thirty-five historical quilts on loan from the Brooklyn Museum's collection are being displayed at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

- Associate curator Virginia Treanor was quoted as saying, "Learning needlework for much of American history was an absolute necessity for women. You had to learn how to use a needle and thread, you had to know how to make clothes, how to stitch bedclothes...so it was really a large part of the education for girls and women for a large part of American history. One purpose of the exhibit is to dispel common myths associated with the quilts and the women who made them. One of those myths is that early colonial women were patching together quilts from scraps or clothing and other materials to stay warm in the winters, and this really was not the case. The quilts that we have today from this earlier period really demonstrate that women who did make quilts were from a very, very high social class because they had to be able to afford the material. Material, at that point, was imported, usually from England, so it was expensive. The women also had to have the time to complete the quilts."

- Ms. Taboh pointed out that for many women, quilt-making was an enjoyable activity and an essential form of artistic expression. The 1970s were the first time that quilts were displayed in museums and recognized as art.

[www.voanews.com/articleprintview/1839225.html](http://www.voanews.com/articleprintview/1839225.html)

## **GHDQS Quilt Show**

- The General Henry Dearborn Quilting Society is hosting "Piece by Piece" Quilt Show and Raffle on April 25 (10a-5p) and April 26 (10a-4p). It is being held at two Dearborn historical museums, the McFadden-Ross House, 915 Brady, and the Commandant's Quarters, 21950 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI.

- Special exhibits include:

Historical quilts from the Dearborn museum collection

Purses and bags sewn by Audrey Williams

Landscape quilts, hand dyed fabrics and patterns by Karen Turkes

- In addition to the special exhibits, the rooms in these buildings will display over 100 quilts made by members. These rooms are open only twice a year for visitors.

- The raffle consists of three prizes:

First prize is a pieced bed size custom quilted quilt made by members with an original design by member Kathy Connor.

Second prize is an embroidered State Flower Quilt also made by members.

Third prize is a stained glass piece made by Jim Thrush.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the show.

Drawing is April 26, 2014 at 4pm. Winners need not be present to win.

A portion of the proceeds go to the Dearborn Historical Museum.

- Admission is \$5.00. Please no strollers.

- Venue is not handicapped accessible.

- For more information and raffle tickets go to the website: [www.ghdquiltingsociety.org](http://www.ghdquiltingsociety.org)

## **Looking Ahead – Upcoming Events - 2014**

>February 15-March 26. Quilt 2014. Lake Metroparks Farmpark, 8800 Euclid-Chardon Rd., Kirtland, OH. [www.lakemetroparks.com](http://www.lakemetroparks.com)

>February 19-22. Heart of Ohio Shop Hop – 5 shops. [www.heartofohioshophop.com](http://www.heartofohioshophop.com)

>March 12-15. AQS Quilt Week, Lancaster, PA, Lancaster County Convention Center. Class registration now open. [www.aqsquilt.com](http://www.aqsquilt.com)

>April 3-5. Original Sewing & Quilt Festival, I-X Center, 6200 Riverside Dr, Cleveland.

[www.sewingexpo.com](http://www.sewingexpo.com)

>April 29-May 4. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Sauder Village Quilt Show, Sauder Village, 22611 State Route 2, Archbold, OH.

[www.saudervillage.org/Creativity/quilt\\_show.asp](http://www.saudervillage.org/Creativity/quilt_show.asp)

>May 2. Miami Valley Quilters Guild Show, Greene County Fairgrounds, 120 Fairgrounds Road, Xenia, OH. [www.miamivalleyquiltersguild.org](http://www.miamivalleyquiltersguild.org)

>May 8-10. South Lebanon School House Quilt Show, South Lebanon Community Center, 10 N High St, S Lebanon, OH.

[www.quiltshow.webs.com](http://www.quiltshow.webs.com)

>June 26-28. NQA 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show, "Take a Walk in My Garden," Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N High St, Columbus, OH

[www.nqaquilts.org](http://www.nqaquilts.org)

>September 11-13. 13<sup>th</sup> annual Amish Country Quilt Show, Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry St., Dalton, OH. [www.amishcountryquiltshow.com](http://www.amishcountryquiltshow.com)

>September 19-20. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Needlework Show, Toledo-Lucas County Library, Sanger Branch, 3030 W Central Ave., Toledo, OH. [www.needle-arts-toledo.org/showinfo.htm](http://www.needle-arts-toledo.org/showinfo.htm)