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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 pm. The December meeting is a brunch at the B.G. Country Club.
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JANUARY, 2012

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2012

--Please bring to the January meeting a 6-1/2 inch quilt block made from red, white, and/or blue colors.

(Finished size will be 6 inches.) Please use true white, bright red, and navy or royal blue. Theme does not need to be patriotic. You may make more than one block if you desire. If you are short on time, just bring a plain block or a simple half square triangle.

--The blocks will be collected at the beginning of the meeting. Each participant will receive one raffle ticket per block. The blocks will then be grouped/sorted in sizes from 3-4 blocks up to possibly 8 blocks. The winners of the sets of blocks take the blocks home and do whatever they want with them. No requirement to bring it back as a completed project. However, if you do, we would love to see it.

--Participation is optional. If the meeting is canceled due to bad weather, save your block and we might add it to another meeting.

--Any questions, call Carol Hicks at 419-265-5969.

--Fab 5 Challenge Reveal – If you went home last January with one of the bags of fat quarters, we would like to see what you did with them.

2012 Program Agenda

Feb 9: 4 Corners

Mar 8: Pot Luck & Garage Sale

Apr 12: Guild Birthday Party and 2012 Challenge Reveal

May 3: 2-1/2 Inch Square Program

Every month there will be a fat quarter exchange, starting in January. Each member may bring a fat quarter (or as many as you like) of good quality quilt shop type fabric of a specific kind. You may buy a FQ or cut an 18"x22" piece from your stash. You will receive a ticket for each fat quarter that you bring and they will be bundled into groups of 6. At the end of the meeting we will have a drawing for the winners. Please fold your FQ so it can be bundled more efficiently. The monthly types are as follows: Jan. - Civil War fabrics; Feb. plaid/stripe; Mar. – neutrals; April – pastels; May – novelty; June – patriotic; July – black, white, red; Aug. –

solids/blenders; Sept. – autumn colors; Oct. – batiks; Nov. – Christmas prints; and Dec. – variety of blues.

Mini Groups:

St. V's Palliative Care Quilt Group – January 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the BG Church of the Nazarene, 15341 Gorrill Road

Daytime – The daytime group will meet Monday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Anne Donald's.

Fabric Art Group – 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. at Grounds for Thought.

Contact: Mary Lee Grabowski

Bowling Green Community Quilters - B.G. Parks and Recreation Dept. Meet at the Scout Building on City Park in BG. No meetings in Nov. and Dec. Contact: Barb Lemon

Looking Ahead – 2012

March 13-16 – Smoky Mountain Quiltfest, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. R&R Tours, Wauseon, OH. Tour host and bus driver will be Randy Nafziger. \$100 deposit due by Feb. 1. For inquiries call Diane Nafziger at 419-445-3486. For information about the quiltfest www.mountainquiltfest.com

April 13-14 – Gretchen Schultz has organized a bus trip to the International Quilt Festival in Cincinnati. The bus leaves St. Luke's Hospital on Friday at 6:30 a.m., returning about 10: p.m. on Saturday. The package is \$304 for a single, \$224 for two people in a room, \$197 for three people, and \$187 for four. Cost includes hotel accommodations, buffet breakfast on Saturday, two days admission to the show, gratuities and refreshments on board the motor coach. \$50 will hold your place. Send check to Gretchen Schultz, 1268 Cass Rd, Maumee, OH 43537. For more information call 419-340-1746 or email schultz6@aol.com

May 1-6 – Sauder Quilt Show. Karen Kay Buckley of Carlisle, PA will be the guest artist. Details and registration forms will be online at 10:00 a.m. on January 11.

www.saudervillage.org/creativity/quilt_show.asp

July 12 – Penny Haren will be the featured speaker at the Black Swamp Quilt Guild meeting. She has over 20 years experience and she has developed a quick and easy technique for pieced appliqué. Her process eliminates points and curves.

--Penny's technique was featured in American Patchwork and Quilting and Love of Quilting magazines in 2008. She also has designed the 'square it up and fussy cut' ruler for Creative Grids. In her spare time, she consults with and writes the newsletter for Checker Distributors. Please mark your calendar and don't miss this program. www.pennyharen.com

October 12 & 13 – Vikki Pignatelli will be coming to the Black Swamp Quilt Guild. On Friday, October 12 she will present a lecture "Nurturing Your Creative Spirit: Personal Traits that Inspire Great Quilts." On Saturday she will be teaching a class entitled, "Crazy About Curves: the Basics." Cost for the class is \$50. Class tickets go on sale January 12. Class tickets will be open to people outside the guild after March. For more information about Vikki: www.vikkipignatelli.com

October 12-14 – Harvest Quilters Retreat at Sauder Heritage Inn. For reservations or information: Call 419-445-6408. Questions: Call or email Rosanna Williams. This retreat is sponsored by the Black Swamp Quilt Guild. Note: Car pooling will be available to the Vikki Pignatelli lecture and classes.

October 26-28 – The Guild is also sponsoring a retreat at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House in Carey. The theme: "Birds of a Feather Quilt Together."

For Sale

--Lorena Schwab has a Morgan telescoping craft stand for sale. It has both the 17" and 23" hoops. It is suitable for quilting, rug hooking, embroidery, or needlepoint. It sells for \$289.00 and she is asking \$150.00. If you are interested email or call her at 419-356-0285.

--Joan Edwards has a Grace quilting frame for sale, queen size with king size extension included, for \$450. This is a frame that you use with your own domestic sewing machine for free motion quilting. (Sewing machine not included.) Call 419-819-8422 or see her at the January meeting.

From Brenda Swanson

Some members were interested in getting the pattern for the Caddy Pad that I made for my gift exchange gift. The heat resistant lining is included with the pattern. Contact: Sisters' Common Thread, 34345 Forest Blvd., Stacy, MN 55079, 651-462-2512 or 715-269-5357.

From Joan Jaffray

I found this pattern on the internet. It looks like the fabric file folder that was given as a gift at the brunch. <http://terriesandelin.blogspot.com/2010/01/file-folder-tutorial.html>

Meet the Member: Joan Conrad



I was born in Tarrytown, NY (Sleepy Hollow; my father worked for John D Rockefeller Sr.) and was raised on the Jersey Shore. Although we had a good time, it was nothing like the life of Snooki or The Situation. After graduating from Point Pleasant Beach High School, I went to medical secretarial school. This led to a job at Hahnemann Hospital Medical College in Philadelphia. While visiting my brother at Ft. Meade, I was introduced to a farm boy from Ohio. We married and it wasn't long before I was living on the family farm in Ohio—out in the middle of nowhere, with no neighbors my age and the only form of communication was a 4-party phone. I was on the verge of going CRAZY. Two years later, my husband built a new home for us in Bowling Green, where, at last, I had neighbors to talk to. Ten years later, we built a new house on our farm on the west side of BG. We have lived there for 31 years. We have four children: Bob, a Lieutenant Colonel in the army based in the Washington, D.C. area; Jodi, West Bloomfield, MI; David, Chicago; and Chuck, Cleveland. We have 16 grandchildren.

My first exposure to sewing came in seventh grade home economics class. For years I used this experience to make clothes for myself and my daughter. Then, I started to work at the University in addition to ushering four kids through their daily activities. During this period, I had little time for dress making. It wasn't until my daughter-in-law introduced me to quilting that I started sewing again. I tried my hand at it with a couple of small quilts for my grandchildren, but I wasn't really serious about it. Just before I retired, I happened to take a class with Janette Willman. That hooked me! Now, I have a large room (thanks to my husband) where I spread out all of my hobbies without having to worry about putting everything away so we can eat dinner. Some of the other arts I enjoy are creating stained glass and dollhouse miniatures. JLC