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The guild meets each 2nd Thursday at the Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Building at 1291 Conneaut St, Bowling Green, OH. Doors open at 6 pm. The December meeting is a brunch at the Bowling Green Country Club.

### **A Letter from the President**

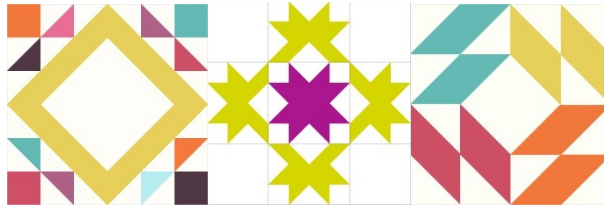
The Olympics are not over for the Black Swamp Quilters. Gretchen Schultz and Pat Essex think the Olympian "country flags" are too special to just put away. They are displaying them at the September meeting. So plan to spend some time viewing the creativity of the participants.

The Pemberville Free Fair is behind us now. What a great display of quilts. The room was full of quilts and the charitable projects that the Quilting Eagles made. The Eagles are a prolific group doing so much sewing for charity.

Work Day is coming up September 17 at the BG Community Center on Newton Road. ( I hope I have the correct road.) .Many do not stay for the entire day but come for a couple hours of sewing. Our rent for the room is reduced since we give quilts to charity. So it is a good time to work on charity quilts or any other project you want to complete. It is great to have the large cutting tables, floor space to cut batting, and tables to layer quilts. Last work day one of our newest members came and it gave us a chance to get to know her. Bring your lunch or we order in from Pisanello's.

Enjoy the fall weather. What a pleasant break from the humidity.

Ruth



## **THE RESULTS ARE IN!!**

### 2016 Interest Survey Results

Feedback from guild members is very important for planning meaningful meetings and programs. A short survey was developed and distributed at the August 2016 meeting. The survey asked questions about specific interests for programs and speakers. It then raised questions about acceptable fees for classes and speakers. The responses have been tabulated. There were a total of 52 survey forms returned. Members did not respond to all questions, so numbers will not add up.

Piece work topped the first choice tally; Color theory was the top second choice selected, and How to Plan Layout was the top third choice.

Eighty-six percent of respondents indicated that they would be willing to pay \$30 for an all-day class. Ninety-six percent of respondents indicated that they would be willing to pay \$5 for a lecture.

Clearly the interests of guild members vary widely, but the responses will be very helpful to the Program Committee as it plans future special activities.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts through this survey and thank you to the Board for providing this feedback opportunity.



Registration is now closed with a total of 57 quilters. The committee is as busy as a hive of bees preparing for a wonderfully good time with great friends. Some wonderful door prizes have been donated. If you're donating a table favor or a door prize, now is the time to be getting those ready. Please, NO BOOKS!! If you are in need of an idea, either contact Joanne Streacker or go to her Pinterest page under the user Guildedgal. Remember, your participation makes your retreat the big success it is each year.

A sew and organizational day will take place in September, date to be determined. Call or email Joanne Streacker if you would like to take part.

Information will be emailed to registrants after Labor Day and the Facebook page is up and running. If you are not part of but want to be added to the Facebook page, please contact Rachel Rentz.

If you or your roommates have not reserved your room with Quality Inn (Fremont), please call as soon as possible. If you are one of the Lonely Hearts Clubs and need a roommate, please email or call Joanne Streacker.

Committee members include Joanne Streacker (chair), Mary Lee Grabowski, Sandy Lepper, Rachel Rentz, Sheila Painter, and Rita Trumbull.



<http://www.npr.org/sections/money/2016/08/03/488611449/episode-715-the-sewing-robot>

Building a robot that can sew even simple clothes is surprisingly hard. A retired professor in Atlanta thinks he's solved the problem. It could bring clothing manufacturing back to America.

### **2016 Calendar**

September 8, 2016 Regular Meeting, Thursday, 6-10 pm  
September 17, 2016 Work Day, Saturday, 9-4, BG Community Center  
October 13, 2016 Regular meeting, Thursday, 6-10 pm Four Corners (possible garage sale)  
October 20,21,22,23 I'd Rather "Bee" Quilting Retreat, Fremont  
November 10, 2016 Regular meeting, Thursday, 6-10pm  
December 10, 2016 Quilt Brunch, Saturday, 10-12 am Bowling Green Country Club

### **2017 January 12, 2017**

Regular Meeting, Thursday, 6-10pm  
February 9, 2017 Regular Meeting, Thursday, 6-10pm

### **Mini 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 info. September 14.

Charity Quilters/St. V's Group, Third Friday of the month, @ Karen Glassford's, 9:30-4:00. Bring a project to work on, donation fabric and batting is available. Bring your own lunch. September 16

Daytime Mini Group Day, quilting second Monday of the month, 10-3, will meet at Pat Ford's (Luckey) in September, at Margaret Kaatz (Maumee) in October, and at Betty Jefferis (Perrysburg) in November.

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.