

BLACK SWAMP QUILT GUILD APRIL 2015

President's Message:

I have been reminded this month of the parable of the loaves and the fishes, as I watch everyone bring in string blocks. What an amazing response, and to realize that all of these blocks are created with just small pieces and scraps. As of the March meeting, I have been gifted with almost 400 blocks. It is such fun to sort them and come up with ways to sew them into unique quilts. I am planning a giant reveal of all the quilts, and probably some unfinished tops, at the January 2016 meeting. April is pastel colors. If you are running short of scraps, I will bring some to the meeting. Keep sewing! Cindy

2015 Challenge "Stop and Look Around"

April's meeting is the Challenge quilt reveal. If you have a challenge quilt, bring it in a grocery bag, and give it to the challenge committee to display. After the business meeting, we will view them, vote, and enjoy cake and punch.

Retreat

The retreat committee will begin collecting deposits for the October retreat at the April meeting. The deposit is \$80, checks should be made out to 'Black Swamp Quilt Guild.'

Sheila's directions for the quilt she was making on work day:

Members at workday were asking me about the 'lasagna' quilt I was sewing, as I had done the math to make it smaller. Use scrap 2 1/2" strips, any length. Sew end-to-end, chain sewing. Press seams open, measure and make sure you have 710 inches. (Look up online or ask how to sew these.) Sew four rounds, add three strips on one side, and it will measure approx 38 x 44". Perfect for a small charity quilt, or add borders if you want it bigger. Fast, easy, and basically free!

Guild Pins

Several years ago, we had enameled pins made with our logo. Ruth Lucius still has some of these available, and will bring them to the April meeting. They are \$5.00. If you own a pin, please wear it, for our birthday month meeting.

Bowling Green Art Walk Quilt Show

We will be participating in the Art Walk Quilt Show on Saturday, April 25th. Volunteers are needed on Friday to help set up, on Saturday to demonstrate quilting techniques, and after the show at 5:00 to help clean up. Quilts, especially larger bed-sized quilts, are needed for the display. Quilts may be brought to the meeting, or dropped off at The Busy Thimble before Friday, April 24th. Please make sure your name is on your quilt. Quilts need to be picked up at 5:00, after the show.

One yard of fabric like one cookie, is never enough.