

February 2017

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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

Dear BSQG,

Happy Winter...with all this warm weather it almost seems like March has arrived early. Let's hope February is just as warm and Spring arrives early☺.

Research those Van Gogh paintings as the BSQG it going to be a Special Exhibit at Kaleidoscope this summer. Received the okay from a GCQC member. So let us have a good participation in the Van Gogh Challenge and show the quilting world what the BSQG can do. Such a variety of subjects, iris, sunflowers, wheat fields, clouds chairs, sun etc.

At the Executive Board meeting it was decided that we should put a dollar amount on our donated quilts. To average out the baby quilts with the larger ones a value of \$100.00 per quilt was agreed upon. So last year your donated quilts had a value of **\$26,500**. Quite a valuable gift to the community! Thank you for your continued generosity to those who need our support.

Our checkbook balance got bigger as the Guild received back the deposit made to Lima Howard Johnson since the location has been changed.

The yearly donation to the Wood County Library will be to buy Modern Quilting books. Whatever they need to augment their collection. Decision made by the Executive Board.

I hope to see everyone February 9th at our next meeting.

Joyful Quilting,

Ruth



Condolences

We wish to give condolences to the following BSQG members and friends:

*Rosemary Tritch whose husband passed away recently. Cards can be sent to: 410 Hillshafer Drive Findlay, Ohio 45840

*Pauline Hoerig whose husband passed away recently. Cards can be sent to: 855 North St. Rt. 587 Fostoria, Ohio 44830

*Karen Backus whose son passed away recently. Cards can be sent to: 943 N Grove St. Bowling Green, OH 43402

*Let us also remember our dear friend Charlene Snyder who passed away January 24th. Please offer up your thoughts and prayers for her family and let the strength of our quilting friendships hold us together at this difficult time.

UFO Challenge

Cindy Huffman and Joanne Streacker have issued an UFO challenge to the guild. How many UFO's can you finish this month? Next month? By year's end? Bring your completely finished UFOs to guild. Each month, you will fill out a slip of paper for each finished item and place in a jar provided just for this challenge. Joanne and Cindy will tally what you finished so that by next January, there will be one winner, the Queen of UFO's, who will take home a fun prize.



Here is a link to some organizer pages, to help you inventory and keep track of your UFO's. You can print them off and put them in a project binder.

<http://www.agsblog.com/creative-organizer-ufo-pages>

April Challenge

The theme for 2017 is "A Night at the Museum – Vincent van Gogh Revisited."

This year we are challenged to create a Masterpiece! Create a version of ANY Vincent Van Gogh work. This challenge will be your INTERPRETATION of the piece you choose.

RULES:

- * May be any size
- *Must have a picture or copy of the original Vincent van Gogh work attached (pinned at a bottom corner)
- *Must be "framed" (real or fabric or...)
- *Can be embellished

Submit your finished challenge in a bag at the April 13, 2017 meeting and join us for an exhibition of masterpieces!

List of works by Vincent van Gogh:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_works_by_Vincent_van_Gogh



Even More Challenges To Come:

President Ruth suggested along with the challenge quilt that we offer other projects to make the meetings more interesting and discover new ways to look at color. The Executive Board selected these projects for 2017:

***Block of the Month Color Challenge:** Kathy and Marsha will pass out a pattern in February to the group. Each month the members will make the same block in different color patterns. First month will start with a black & white block. Program will run to January 2018

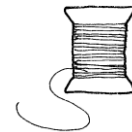
***Hatchet Block:** Cindy will bring a pattern for the Hatchet block in April, members will make a baby quilt and bring the final quilt to the August meeting. Quilts will be donated to charity.

Shop Interest

Here are a few activities happening in the local shops around us. If you know of an activity at a local shop and would like to have it in the newsletter, please contact Jenny Morlock.

***Sonflower Quilt Shop** - Have a child/ grandchild/ godchild interested in quilting? Sign her/ him up for a kid's class (or classes) at Sonflower Quilt Shop. They get to choose their own fabrics (always exciting), meet other kids interested in quilting, and leave the class with a finished product. On February 4th there will be a class called Key Chain Fob and on March 4th one called Recharger Cord Holder. Class is from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and is \$35.00. Call Diane Troust, 419-885-4438 to reserve a spot. Also, watch for news of kid's summer quilt camp which will probably be held the second week of July.

***Busy Thimble** – The Busy Thimble Quilt Shop in Bowling Green will be offering a Beginning Quilting class series starting March 7th. They will also be offering a Binding Class on February 25th. For more information, contact them at: 419-806-4022



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 information.

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

Third Friday of the month, (February 17th) @ Karen Glassford's, 9:30-3:00. Bring a project to work on, donation fabric and batting is available.

***Daytime Mini Group**

February – Jean Langendorfer – BG Home

March – Nancy Jacobs – Stoney Ridge Library

Contact Alta Codding for dates and times

***Findlay Charity Quilters**

Contact Shari Wiseman for information. 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.

Donation Quilts

The following members donate their time and gas to deliver quilts that have been made by the guild. Please be sure to thank them for their efforts:

- Karen Glassford – Wood County Hospital
- Barb Henning (infant quilts) – Children’s Resource Center
- Wendy Jenkins (youth quilts) – Children’s Resource Center
- Shari Wiseman – Veterans Hospital in Cincinnati
- Kathy Bartley (youth and infant quilts) – Mercy St. V’s Pediatric Palliative
- Deb Tell – Project Linus
- Anita Kopp – Wood County Cancer Center
- Alta Coddington and Cassandra Keysor - Cocoon

Original Sewing and Quilt EXPO

Don’t miss the Original Sewing and Quilt EXPO in Cleveland, March 30th-April 1st, 2017. For information about the EXPO you can visit their website:

<http://www.sewingexpo.com/Calendar.aspx> or call 1-800-699-6309.

Just for Fun – Make Someone Smile

Making people smile is something we all enjoy. My best friend from kindergarten makes me smile every Friday with a fun cute joke that pops up in my text messages. I thought if I shared them with you I could multiple the smiles. Here is one of the latest I thought was enjoyable:

Did you hear about the corduroy pillows??? They are making “headlines” across the nation! LOL (I had to think about it☺)

Have a Happy Valentine’s Day!

