



December 2018

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**Snail Mail Requests** – Carol Ballard

Guild meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Hi Members,

Beginning a new year brings two perspectives to mind. Looking back over 2018, I am thankful for the guild members and the wonderful year we have had.

Thank you Sheila for a great year of programs. I think the vice president's job is the most important since good programs promote good attendance and bring in new members. She has gone "out of the box" to bring us interesting and educational programs.



Thank you, Bess, for helping as secretary this year. It has been a pleasure to work with you and welcome Brenda Trumbull to your new position as secretary for 2019. Special thanks to Barb Wilhelm, our treasurer who goes way beyond the basics to help keep us on track and is always prepared to answer questions to keep us informed. Jenny, your work with the newsletter is so helpful, keeping us informed. You put in a lot of time and effort and we appreciate you.

Carol Harper, you are a wonder. As webmaster, you have an ability that is beyond most of us. Thank you for your hard work. Dedi Spoores served as Historian after Marge Hufford had to step down, and we appreciate her willingness to help out. Rose Ackerman will be taking over for 2019 as Dedi and her husband travel.

Board members Sharon Bishop, Faye Schuerman, and Marsha Randals were helpful in providing advice and ideas. Thank you ladies! We wish to welcome

Wendy Jenkins to the board for 2019. Jacquie Sharrer and her committee provided a great retreat this fall. I wonder what they will come up with for 2019...it is sure to be a lot of fun! Diana Wittman and her special speaker committee did a great job. We enjoyed the trunk show and the classes. Special thanks also to Marilyn Riewaldt and her committee for the yummy refreshments they provided.

There are also several committee chairpersons who helped out this year with refreshments, guild challenges, and so many more opportunities. Something for everyone!

And last, but certainly not least, I want to thank Carol Ballard. Carol is a sweet and unassuming member who does so many things to help keep the guild going. She handles the snail mail, brings the sound system to the meetings, stays after the meetings to be sure things are in order and the building is safely locked up, introduces us to members so we can get to know them better, helps out on committees where ever needed, and goes out of her way to help. Thank you, Carol. You are a real blessing!

I hope I haven't missed anyone, but my point in writing this is so that you will understand all the work that goes into keeping this guild the fun, educational, charitable group that it is.

Looking forward, I wish all of you a year filled with peace and fantastic quilting opportunities!

Shari

### **Condolences**

We wish to give condolences to Brenda Swanson on the passing of her Mother earlier this month. Cards can be sent to: 18741 North St. P.O. Box 154  
Tontogany, Ohio 43565

### **Our Next Meeting – January 10**

Thank you for electing me for another year of programming; I appreciate your confidence in my abilities.

It is a new year, with some interesting new programs coming! First up, some old standbys we know and love, plus more. We will be reprising the “Quilting Wanna-Bees” skit in March that we performed years ago. If you want to be in the skit, let me know; no memorizing necessary!

Remember, if you traded for a bag of ugly fabric, your completed project should be shown on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Ditto for the Mystery Quilts....I can't wait to see them all! And the new yearlong challenge will knock your socks off!!

### **Help Needed**

We need someone(s) to set up the sound system prior to each meeting and then re-pack it after the meeting. Cindy Huffman was very kind to write out very clear directions for assembly. This would be a big help as officers often have many other things to deal with prior to the meeting.

### **Groups - Everyone is Welcome!**

#### **\*Art Quilts, Coffee and Quilt Chat**

Wednesday after regular meeting, @ Grounds for Thought, 7:00-9:00.  
Questions - Contact Denise Beck for information.

#### **\*Daytime Mini Group – Second Monday of the Month**

January 14<sup>th</sup> – Betty Jefferis – 26336 East Wexford Drive, Perrysburg  
Phone – 419-874-3399

