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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.

July 2016

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

I was reading the purpose of our Guild as stated in the revised by-laws. "To promote the development and appreciation of quilting in our community and to educate interested persons in all aspects of quilting."

Our Guild has many opportunities to fulfill this purpose with members answering questions as they work on quilts at the Wood County Heritage Days, Pemberville Free Fair, and Quilt Day at the Wood County Fair. Another aspect of quilting is shown with Jean Overmeyer's solo show of her Art Quilts.

Joyce Dauer's interesting program with her inherited quilts showed us how much quilting has changed through the decades. It was interesting to see the traditional patterns, hand pieced and hand quilted, advancing to machine piecing and quilting. We have so many more patterns available and many are more complicated. It is a great time to be a quilter !!!

Ruth

July Meeting, Thursday, July 14, 2016

The Black Swamp Quilters' Summer Olympics will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at the Simpson Building, Bowling Green, Ohio. Beginning at 7pm, quilters will vie for medals and awards in a series of intriguing events designed to exhibit the skills developed over many, many years—or perhaps yesterday. Be sure to brush up your quilting skills!

August's program is Indian Hatchet with Susan Edwards.

May Special Speaker Committee Members

Many thank you's to the members of the committees who helped coordinate the speaker, and bring us refreshments. Committee members were Diana Wittman, Carol Hicks, Jeanne Langendorfer, Marsha Randles, and Joanne Kesson. Refreshment committee was Mary Damon, Diane Giveins, and Faye Schuerman.

I'd Rather "Bee" Quilting Retreat, Oct 20-23, 2016

"I'd Rather Bee Quilting", wouldn't you? The BSQG 2016 retreat is almost full with only a few openings left. The committee is already having fun putting things together for the retreat and Sheila Painter has found some really CUTE items for door prizes. The retreat quilt challenge is on your registration form and Mary Lee Grabowski came up with the rules. Have you started yet? Me, neither. The Facebook page is up and running. Communication with all retreat registrants will be mainly through Facebook and email. Do you need ideas for door prizes or table favors to donate? Go to Pinterest and look under guildedgal's board, "I'd Rather Bee Quilting." Joanne has pinned lots of things there, just for you all. Has anyone seen the retreat binder? It has disappeared and, if you have found it, could you return it to Joanne, please? Thanks you!! This retreat is buzzing with excitement and we are happy so many of you decided that you'd "Rather Bee Quilting", too.

Wood County Fair Quilt Day, Thurs. Aug. 6, 2016

Each year, we are invited to demonstrate and display our quilts during Quilt day. Set up is usually from 9:30-12:00, and the demonstrations are from 1:00-9:00, while the show is open. Members are asked to bring any quilts they wish to display, especially quilts that were winners at other shows, and this year's challenge quilts. Quilts can either be dropped off at the fair on that morning, or brought to the July meeting.

Jean Overmeyer Quilts on Display

A display of 24 of Jean Overmeyer's art quilts is being exhibited at the Perrysburg Municipal Building, 201 West Indiana St. in Perrysburg, from June 20 through August 15. You can view the display during business hours, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm, or during additional hours when the building is open for scheduled evening meetings. You can call 419 872-8010 or 419 872-8060 to inquire about specific dates when the building will be open in the evening.

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. July 20th.

Charity Quilters/St. V's Group

NO MEETING IN JULY 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.

Daytime Mini Group

Day quilting will meet with Anne Donald in July and Margaret Kaatz in August.

Findlay Charity Quilters

NO SEWING DAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST. 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.

Announcements

Joyce Dauer, who did such a wonderful program last month at meeting, lost her father during this past month. Please keep Joyce and family in your prayers. Thank you!

The Quilt Garden was planted May 21. It is two four patches. Check it out!

Cindy Huffman will be presenting a talk on collecting and using vintage sewing machines, at the August Tea for the Wood County Historical Society. Thursday, August 11, 2pm.

2016 Calendar

July 14, 2016	Regular Meeting, Thursday, 6-10 pm Quilting Summer Olympics, hosted by Gretchen Schultz & Pat Essex
August 4, 2016	Quilt Day at the Wood County Fair, Thursday, 12-9 pm
August 11, 2016	Thursday, 6-10 pm Susan Edwards, Indian Hatchet Quilts
August 19, 2016	Pemberville Free Fair
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

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January 12, 2017

Regular Meeting, Thursday, 6-10pm

February 9, 2017

Regular Meeting, Thursday, 6-10pm



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The GAAQG "Celebrating the Quilt" Show takes place on July 30-31.

Every even-numbered year, GAAQG members create items to enter into this non-juried show. We love to show off first time quilts as well as more accomplished quilts! With a membership of over 300, the broad range of styles and quilts reflects the diversity of our members and the broader quilt-making world. You will see traditional quilts, art quilts, mixed media quilts; quilts intended to be loved enthusiastically by children or taken to college; quilts intended for family heirlooms or eventual purchase by collectors; hand and machine piecing, hand and machine quilting, hand and machine appliqué; commercial fabrics and hand dyed fabrics; commercial patterns and original designs from the maker herself – it's all here for your enjoyment!

Our show draws more than two thousand quilt enthusiasts from throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. This dynamic show features 250 – 300 hanging entries, 25 vendors, door prizes, special exhibits, and a Silent Auction.

Please [check our website](http://www.gaaqg.com) to learn more, including the list of vendors and directions and map to the show at Washtenaw Community College.