

#### **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 Quilters,

What a special evening we had with our guest speaker Debbie Grifka. Her quilts were beautiful and the quilting exquisite. Her class on Saturday was a lot of fun. Of course spending time with quilting sisters is always a good time, but Debbie challenged us! We created two special mini quilts using techniques and approaches, which were new to some of us and very rewarding as you can see from the photos in this newsletter and on our website. Special thanks to the committee for the good job they did organizing the event: Diana Wittman, Gretchen Schultz, and Cheryl Darr. If you took part in the class, please bring your creations for show and tell at the June meeting.

On a different note, Pam Boughton has suffered some injuries, preventing her from attending recent meetings. I think it would be an encouragement to Pam if some of us would send emails (<u>PamBoughton@comcast.net</u>) or cards (7910 Ramblewood St., Ypsilanti, MI 48197).

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather as much as I am – and still finding time to stitch!

Shari



# <u>2018 Calendar</u>

| Date          | Event  |
|---------------|--|
| June 14       | Regular Meeting – BGSU Prof: Stories & Subtexts in Material (Fabric)   |
|               | -Culture Mystery Quilt Introduced                                      |
| July 12       | Regular Meeting – Virtual Bus Trip to Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska     |
| August 9      | Regular Meeting – Nancy Frederick: Press To The Dark Side              |
|               | -Special Quilting SOS Show and Tell                                    |
| September 13  | Regular Meeting – Cathy Frick: Organizing Your Sewing Space; Sunflower |
|               | Quilts Vends   |
| September 22  | Workday at BG Community Center   |
| October 11    | Regular Meeting – Quilting/Shopping Outside the Box and Auction        |
| October 18-21 | Quilt Retreat - Lima   |
| November 8    | Regular Meeting – Carol Hicks: My Millefiore Experience                |
| December 8    | Christmas Brunch at BG Country Club                                    |

# **Our Next Meeting**

The June 14 program is a bit different. We are going to college...actually college is coming to us! Montana Miller (Associate Professor, Department of Popular Culture, Bowling Green State University) will present "Stories and Subtexts in Material (Fabric) Culture". Maybe we will learn why we quilters do what we do, or maybe not! Join us for this informative program, and note that after our May meeting hiatus, we are back to Show and Tell, the free table (well actually a free counter), and all the fun stuff we are used to. Also please bring any quilts that were recognized at the recent show at Sauder Village.

#### "Lines To Designs" with Debbie Grifka

A special "Thank You" to the members who organized the May program and class with Quilt Artist Debbie Grifka. Debbie presented unique inspiring quilts and shared her personal stories of becoming a successful quilt artist. Her class allowed members to explore their creative side and feel confident "stepping out of the traditional quilt box."



# Mystery Quilt with Sharon Bishop

The excitement is building for our mystery quilt; everyone is invited to join in on the fun! Sharon Bishop will be sharing details of this project and fabric selections to help you pick the perfect yardage for your quilt at our next meeting. She has also provided the photo below as possible choices. Details will begin to "unfold" over the next few months.



### Attention all Orphan Block Owners

Jacquie Sharrer & the quilt retreat committee are collecting orphan blocks! Every month up until our retreat in October, she is asking members if they have orphan blocks to bring them to our guild meetings or give to a committee member. They can be any size, pattern or color. More details will be coming.

#### Black Swamp Retreat

The "Falling for Piecing" retreat planning committee is busy planning an exciting event for us! It will be held October 18 – 21 at the Howard Johnson Hotel, 1920 Roschman Ave. in Lima. The retreat form and information is posted on our website. We will be having a garage sale and a free table. Bring your items and purchase a few new ones to take home! We are currently half-full of participants. Just a friendly reminder to bring in your final payment to the June meeting.

(Please make all checks payable to the Black Swamp Quilters).

# 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.

#### \*Daytime Mini Group

June 11- Betty Jefferis – 26336 East Wexford Dr., Perrysburg July 16 – Margaret Kaatz – 4266 Waterbend Dr. West, Maumee Contact Alta Codding for more information.

### \*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. Contact Shari Wiseman for information.

#### \*Dates to Remember

- Quilters Legacy of Lakewood 2018 Quilt Show, October 20 & 21 Dom Umerley Civic Center 21016 Hilliard Boulevard Rocky River, Ohio 44116

# Photos from Sauder Quilt Show

Here are a few photos of quilts from our members.









