

March 2016

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The guild meets each 2nd Thursday at the Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Building at 1291 Conneaut Street, Bowling Green, OH. Doors open at 6 p.m. The December meeting is a brunch at the Bowling Green Country Club. www.blackswampquilters.org CarolHarper,webmaster
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President's Message

I apologize for the L-O-N-G meeting in February. In the future any announcements that I receive before the 25th of the month will be forwarded to Cindy for the newsletter. Or members can send directly to her. That should shorten our meetings.

Promoting the Quilt Shops in our membership area is a goal of mine. If you know of special events, trips, etc. forward the information to Cindy.

Are you thinking of what you can bring to the potluck? In the past members have shown they are good cooks, and bakers, as well as quilters. So gather your favorite recipe and your unwanted quilting items for the garage sale. Check out the closets and drawers for the quilt project you tucked away to finish "later" and tell yourself, "this is the one I WILL finish."

See you at the potluck March 10.

Ruth

March Meeting

The March meeting is a potluck. Members should bring a dish to share, table service and a beverage for themselves. We are also having a garage sale...if you have quilting related items to sell, mark them with a price, and your name, and bring them to the meeting.

The March program is the UFO Challenge Reveal. If you took home a UFO project last year, complete it and return it for the reveal. Since so few members brought projects in last year, members are encouraged to complete any UFO Challenge they have taken home in previous years.

The UFO Challenge for 2016 is to complete your oldest UFO. Bring in the oldest UFO you have stashed away, and commit to finishing it by January 2017. (Choose something you are willing to complete!)

Work Day, March 19

Our Spring work day will be Saturday, March 19, from 9:00-4:00, at the Bowling Green Community Center. Members can work on charity projects, or a project of their choice. Fabric and batting for donation quilts will be available. We usually order out for lunch, or you can bring your own. Hope to see everyone there!

It is Spring and the Round Robins are Coming!

Hope you have been thinking about which Round Robin you want to participate in in this year! March meeting will be the sign up and groups will be made.

Do you want to do the **Row-by-Row** quilt? You would be making 5 blocks each month. The quilt's owner chooses the size of blocks from 6" to 12". The ideas for the quilt are endless. Let's see, baskets, summertime, Autumn, classic blocks, like log cabin, nine patch all in solids, or one color way, or what about a row by row quilt with cats and dogs!

Second is **The Vase Quilt**. You prepare a background with a vase and or basket. Each month it gets some flowers, and or leaves, or filler put into the vase. You could try some new techniques like ruching a rose, or yo-yo flowers, or molding petals with the new interfacing on the market. As the quilt owner, you could request that you want only roses, or only spring flowers, or if you are daring funky flowers!

The final choice would be a **traditional** Round Robin where you, the quilt owner, makes the middle medallion and then it is passed, for a round of border to be added. Again, it is your choice to decide a theme, and see what your fellow guild members come up with to bring your quilt to life.

Yes there is a commitment to your group to do your part, but each month your 'assignment' is small and in the end you will have a special quilt made by your guild friends.

In March will be sign up for groups. In April the Round Robin starts and the 'quilt is passed' for the first time.

If you have any question please ask. You can email or call or text and I will get back to you.

Come join the fun in 2016! Marsha Randles contact: crandles@woh.rr.com

2016 Retreat "I'd Rather Bee Quilting."

The BSQG annual retreat will be held October 20, 21, 22 and 23 at the Quality Inn in Fremont. This year's theme is "I'd Rather Bee Quilting." Rooms are available for the retreat now at a cost of \$75 per night per room. Please alert the reservation clerk that this is for Black Swamp Quilting so you can get the awesome room rates. We should all be on the first floor. You will be finding your own roommate and making your own room reservations, the same as last year. Supper Friday, Saturday and lunch Sunday will be included. Breakfast comes with the room rate. Retreat reservations will begin in April at the guild meeting. Reservations for nonmembers will begin in May.

The retreat committee

Special Speaker Program in May!

Cathy Miller, The Singing Quilter, is coming to visit our Guild. She will be giving a lecture on Friday night, May 13 and then a 6 hour workshop on Saturday, May 14. Please visit her website to learn more about her and her presentations: <http://www.singingquilter.com>

There is no charge for attending the lecture on Friday evening, but you will need to make a "reservation" to hold your seat. We will begin taking reservations at the March meeting. There are only 130 seats available. Feel free to invite a friend. The lecture is open to the public at no charge, but everyone must have a reservation.

The lecture will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. Refreshments will be served. There is NO regular meeting that night. No show and tell; no business meeting and please don't bring items for the "free table".

The workshop will be Mock Mola, learning to do raw edge reversible applique with your sewing machine. A complete description can be found on the website. <http://www.singingquilter.com>

The workshop will be limited to 20 people. There will be a sign up list for this also. If more than 20 people are interested, we will draw names out of a hat to see who gets to go. This will be decided by the night of the April meeting. Participants will then have adequate time to get together their supplies for the workshop. If necessary, there will be a waiting list to fill cancellation spots.

The cost for the workshop is \$30.00. Please make payment to Marsha Randles at the April meeting or no later than Thursday, April 30. If payment has not been received by Thursday, April 30, your "reservation" will be cancelled and a person from the waiting list will be contacted.

Reservations for both the lecture and the workshop will begin at the March meeting. After the meeting, and until April 13, reservations can be made by contacting Carol Hicks at hicks.carol@yahoo.com or 419-265-5969. Please specify in your email if you want to attend the lecture, the workshop or both.

2016 Challenge--Pantone Colors/Modern Quilt

The challenge is to use at least three of the 2016 Pantone Colors of the Year, and construct a Modern style quilt. Complete guidelines are available on the website, and The Busy Thimble has the fabrics available for purchase. Challenge quilts will be displayed at the April meeting.

*****Gretchen Schultz has graciously offered to help deliver quilts to Sauder's Quilt Show. If you would like her to transport your quilts, bring them to the April meeting. They will be returned at the May meeting.**

Bowling Green Art Walk Quilt Show

We will be participating in the Art Walk Quilt Show, April 23rd. A committee has made a quilt that will be raffled off by The Busy Thimble, with proceeds to go towards flowers for downtown Bowling Green. This show is a wonderful way for our guild to showcase our talents, with the space and advertising provided by The Busy Thimble. Remember to save your special quilts, as well as your Challenge quilts, for this show. (You can still enter them in Sauder's, Gretchen Schultz will deliver them for you.)

If you would like to offer quilts for sale at this venue, go to BGArtscouncil.com for the entry form.

Mini Groups Important Information, and New Group!

Daytime Mini Group

The Daytime group will be meeting on Monday, March 14, at Grace Stinchcomb's. Grace lives at St. Clair Commons, off 5 Point Road. (1st right past the new Catholic church.) Grace is providing lunch, but you will need to call her ahead of time, so she can let the dining hall know the number of guests. (419/265-1513)

Charity Quilters/All Charities

Second Monday of the month, @ 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. 419/422-9371. March 14, April 11, May 9, 2016.

Art Quilts, Coffee and Quilt Chat

Wednesday after regular meeting @ Grounds for Thought, 7-9:00 p.m. Join us for sharing, help and advice on quilt issues, and general quilting questions. Contact Denise Beck for info. March 16, 2016.

Charity Quilters/St. V's.

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. March 18, 2016 (Day before the work day.)

2016 Membership Dues

All dues (\$20.00) are now payable in full. Anyone not paying at the next meeting will be removed from the roster. If you will not be at the meeting please send dues to: Barb Wilhelm, address on roster. as soon as possible. Thank you and Happy Quilting!

Thanks, Barb

Other Announcements, and Quilt Shop News

The Busy Thimble

Beginning Quilting Class
April 4, 11, 18, 25
Monday evening 6 - 8 p.m.
Cost \$65.00
Kit and book to purchase
Kit \$25.00
Book \$15.00

Thanks,
Connie

The Wood County Historical Center & Museum has reopened, and collections from 14 Wood County citizens are on display through 12-16-16. Our own Cindy Huffman has a display of old sewing machines dating from 1878 to 1960. Be sure to stop by the museum on County Home Rd in BG to see them.

Hi,
Just wanted to let your members know about the Northwest Ohio One Stop Shop Hop that will be again taking place in Lima, Ohio at the Howard Johnson Conference Center. The dates are March 11th (9-5) and March 12th (9-3), with shops from Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. I know this is a bit late, but I just found this contact information and wanted to get the show information out to your guild members. \$5 per person to get into the show. There will be door prizes both days (winners must be present to win), and one Grand Prize package winner will be drawn on Saturday of the show (winner will be contacted...des not need to be present at the time of the drawing).

We hope that some of your members might be able to attend this fun One Stop Shop Hop, where they can find quilt fabrics, patterns, kits, and cool tools of the trade.

Thanks!

Linda Huston and Valerie Vermillion - show coordinators

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Elmore, OH

419-309-4949

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Hours:
Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 9 am to 4 pm

Dear fellow quilters:

The Columbus Metropolitan Quilters invite you to join us at the Quilt Spectacular 2016: Rising Stars, coming up in April! There's lots to do at our guild's big biennial show:

See over 100 quilts made by CMQ members, and vote on your favorites
Put in a bid in the Silent Auction of little quilts and quilted items (featuring works by ribbon-winning quilters)
Buy a raffle ticket for our gorgeous queen-size Opportunity Quilt; a portion of the proceeds benefits the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation
Shop with our Vendors
Visit the Quilter's Boutique (Garage Sale)
Enjoy a snack break from Finishing Touches Catering
Have a chance to win a door prize

Please share the attached flyer, which includes a preview of this year's Opportunity Quilt. The show will be held at the Haimert Center in Columbus, OH, on Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, 2016. We're open Friday 10am-6pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. Admission is \$6/day or both days for \$9. Free parking. For more detailed information visit our website at www.cmquilters.org and follow our Facebook page, or contact us at cmquilters@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you at the Quilt Spectacular!