



March 2017

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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



Dear BSQG,

It has been a bit difficult to stay indoors and sew this winter with the warm temperatures outside. Chances are we will have the opportunity to catch up on our stitches when the cold days decide to come a visit us once again. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to enjoy the sunshine.

This newsletter contains a lot of important information including the 2017 calendar. Be sure to take the time to read it through carefully and mark your calendars for some great events for the upcoming year.

Our next meeting is our annual potluck on March 9, doors will open at 6:00 pm and we will eat at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share, your table service and beverage. There is always a generous amount of delicious food. Also, bring your garage sale items to sell. Make sure they are CLEARLY marked with your name and price. Meeting and program to follow. (Don't forget to bring your black and white completed blocks for the color challenge and finished round robins). I look forward to seeing everyone then.

Joyful Quilting,

Ruth



## 2017 Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting – Completed UFO's
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting – Sheila Painter's "Story Telling Around Quilts"
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Potluck, Garage Sale and Regular Meeting – Show UFO for January 2018 (to be made into a bag or tote); Program will also include "Show and Tell" of Black and White blocks and finished Round Robins
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	National Quilt Day – Work day at BG Community Center on Newton 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>*Note change of date due to Regular Meeting falling on Holy Thursday</b> -Regular Meeting; Guild Birthday Celebration, Reveal Masterpiece Challenge
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sauder Quilt Show
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting – Program will be on COLOR
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting – Trunk Show by Susan Ramos
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting - TBA
July 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kaleidoscope Quilt Show
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting - TBA
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting – Amish Shop Hop Trunk Show and Stories
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Work day at BG Community Center on Newton Road 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting – Four Corners Program
October 19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Quilt Retreat "Paws for Quilting" - Fremont
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting - TBA
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Brunch at BG Country Club

### Work Day – National Quilt Day, March 18

Our Spring work day will be Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Bowling Green Community Center (1245 West Newton Rd. BG). Members can work on charity projects or a project of their own. Fabric and batting for donation quilts will be available. We usually order out for lunch, or you can bring your own.



### UFO Challenge Monthly, 2017

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>

## **UFO Challenge Monthly, 2017 continued; A Note from Joanne Streaker**

Well, without Cindy Huffman, I made a HUGE misstep. Next month, any completed UFO'S will not be shown in a separate group. Nope. You will get your chance to show it off just like everyone else at show and tell. Pick up your slip(s) of paper from me either before the meeting or when you show your completely finished unfinished project.

Needless to say, I am still WAY behind at catching up on my rather extensive pile of works in progress, but Sheila Painter finished 14 last month!! You go, girl!! Who can top Sheila's record this month?

Keep working on those projects. March's motivational incentive is a gift certificate. I have not been out of my house to fetch it yet, but it will probably be around \$10 in value. Everyone that has their name in the jar has a chance. Keep working on your UFO'S and get lucky in March!

## **UFO Challenge for January, 2018**

Something Different; Put a UFO to work for you! – Start sorting through your “UFO” projects and bring one to show at the March meeting that you think could be made into a good bag or tote. This is a great example of “repurposing or recycling”. The revealing of your bag or tote will be at the January 2018 meeting.

## **April Challenge**

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

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

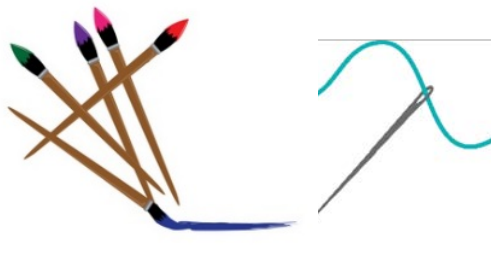
### **RULES:**

- \* 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...)
- \*May 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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_works_by_Vincent_van_Gogh)



## **Even More Challenges**

\* **Block of the Month Color Challenge:** Using the same 12.5 x 12.5 (finished) block pattern (the pattern can be found on the website) each month will have a different color challenge. Every month at the guild meeting, a color will be revealed and the block will be due at the following month's meeting. (March's color is black and white). The interpretation of the block, in color, is up to the individual (shading shown on the pattern is only to illustrate the different blocks requires in the final piece) and appliqué blocks may be substituted for any of the block units but the colors MUST follow the challenge made at each meeting. Blocks will be kept for an undetermined final project or projects (depending on how many blocks are received. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Haver or Marsha Randles. This program will run through January 2018.

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

## **Sauder Quilt Show – May 2-7**

Make plans now to visit the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Quilt Show at Sauder Village! The week is made up of the merchant's mall, exhibition, special exhibits, a grouping of creative demonstrators as well as full-day workshops all set in the charming setting of Historic Sauder Village, with beautiful accommodations at the Heritage Inn or Sauder Campground and the delicious food of the Village restaurants and bakery. Hands-on activities and plenty of shopping opportunities at Threads of Tradition Quilt Shop and Vendor Market will add to the events of this fun-filled week. Whether you participate in a portion or all aspects of the week, plan now to attend one of the most respected and popular quilting events in the Midwest... you will be glad you did! Visit their web site for more details:

<http://www.saudervillage.com/classes-events/special-events/quilt-show-2017>

## **Share Your Quilt Tips**

Sandy Lepper is collecting your priceless quilt tips! If you have a tip that you think would benefit the group please share it with Sandy. She is planning to put together a "Quilt Tip List" to share in the newsletter. Email Sandy at [sandralep1935@gmail.com](mailto:sandralep1935@gmail.com)

## **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, (@ Karen Glassford's, 9:30-3:00. Bring a project to work on, donation fabric and batting is available.

### **\*Daytime Mini Group**

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 Coddling and Cassandra Keysor – Cocoon
- **Please note: The Cocoon Shelter can only use quilts for twin size beds**

## **Vintage UFO Raffle**

From Cindy Huffman: As you may recall, last fall someone donated a box of vintage quilt pieces and parts. These items will be split into five or six lots and raffled off "Chinese Auction style" at the March meeting. Tickets will be a donation (suggested \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5). All money will be donated to the Cocoon Women's Shelter.

## **Original Sewing and Quilt EXPO**

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

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

## **Newsletter Help and Deadlines**

We are looking for help with the Newsletter for the months of July and August. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Jenny Morlock at [morlock.3@osu.edu](mailto:morlock.3@osu.edu)

In addition, the deadline for submitting information for the newsletter is the **23<sup>rd</sup>** of the month.

## **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:

Why did the puppet ask for help? He needed a HAND!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

