



March 2018

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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

Hi Quilters,

It was enjoyable to see some of our members sharing their creativity and talents during the "Four Corners" program that Sheila lined up for our February meeting. Our guild has so many quilters who have unique talents. Some help by demonstrating and teaching new techniques, others work more behind the scenes to help keep things running smoothly. The sharing of our talents is what make our guild so special. We all work together to make our guild a living, growing, vibrant organization.

I highly encourage you to get to know other members. You can come early and socialize prior to a meeting, or attend a workday to become better acquainted. Even though the retreat is not until fall, I encourage you to register and plan to spend quality time there with our membership.

As we mentioned at the last meeting, we will need to make more donation quilts so we can move our fabric stash from Karen's home to Cindy's home. Some members have volunteered to make up kits so that the fabric will be readily available for those wanting to take advantage of the free fabric. Need ideas on how to quilt donation quilts? Many members that can demonstrate quilting techniques on your home machine or even tying them. Our guild has a reputation of donating quilts to fill the needs of those less fortunate. Thank you for making this happen.

I am enjoying this warmer weather, a nice change from earlier this year - although I imagine it will be cold again when you receive this. Life is great with the variations we get to experience – from the changes in the weather to the varied personalities of our quilting friends.

Looking forward to seeing you at the potluck for the March meeting.

Piecefully yours,

Shari



## 2018 Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>January 11</b>	Regular Meeting - UFO projects and Andrea Goetting; "Perspective from a Third Generation Quilter" – Trunk Show
<b>February 8</b>	Regular Meeting – Four Corners
<b>March 8</b>	Potluck and Garage Sale
<b>March 17</b>	National Quilt Day – Workday at BG Community Center
<b>April 12</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and Challenge Presentations
<b>May 1–6</b>	Sauder Quilt Show
<b>*May 11 - Friday</b>	Special Quilt Speaker (instead of regular meeting) – Debbie Grifka
<b>*May 12 - Saturday</b>	"Lines To Design" – Class by Debbie Grifka; Simpson Bldg., BG
<b>June 14</b>	Regular Meeting – TBA
<b>July 12</b>	Regular Meeting - TBA
<b>August 9</b>	Regular Meeting - TBA
<b>September 13</b>	Regular Meeting - TBA
<b>September 22</b>	Workday at BG Community Center
<b>October 11</b>	Regular Meeting – TBA
<b>October 18-21</b>	Quilt Retreat - Findlay
<b>November 8</b>	Regular Meeting - TBA
<b>December 8</b>	Christmas Brunch at BG Country Club

### Our Next Meeting

Our March 8 meeting will be our annual potluck and garage sale. Activities begin at 6:00 pm.

#### **Be sure to bring:**

Your table service, drink, dish to share

Sale items w/your name & price

Free table items

Money for shopping

\*Tables will be set up for the items for sale

We will also be repeating the Ugly Fabric Challenge for those who missed the January swap. Bring 1 to 2 yards of ugly fabric in a brown bag to swap. You will then have until our January 2019 meeting to sew the fabric you receive into a beautiful quilt. Constructed quilts can be donated or kept the decisions is yours. This is a great way to show that all fabric can be beautiful!



### Work Day

Saturday, Mar 17 is our workday for National Quilting Day. We will be meeting at the BG Community Center, 1245 W. Newton Rd. from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Come all day or for a few hours and enjoy the company of your quilting friends.

### Club Dues

Dues for members in 2018 will be \$25.00. Please bring a check (made out to the Black Swamp Quilt Guild) to our March meeting.

## **April Challenge**

Make a birthday card for the Black swamp quilters Guild as we welcome our 30th year!

Rules:

- Must measure no larger than 17" on the longest side
- Must include a Diamond Shape (30th Anniversary Symbol)
- Any color combo is welcome
- Any method of construction
- Must be quilted with at least three layers (top, middle and bottom)
- May be embellished, but not required
- Must make an envelope for the card

Have fun! Be Creative! Some suggestions --- use your imagination. The card can be a single flat card (think postcard) or folded like a traditional card. It may have flaps, pop-ups...you decide!

Bring the completed card to the April 12, 2018 meeting in its own envelope and in a brown bag. The committee will open the cards and display them for voting.

## **Attention all Orphan Block Owners**

Jacque 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<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at the Howard Johnson Hotel, 1920 Roschman Ave. in Lima. A form with information for the retreat is included in this newsletter and will be available at the meeting. (Please make all checks payable to the Black Swamp Quilters).

## **Art Walk, April 28<sup>th</sup> in Bowling Green**

The Art Walk is Saturday April 28 at the Four Corners in Bowling Green. It runs from 10 am to 4 pm. We are asking for quilts to be on display for the day.

**Option 1:** You may bring your quilts to the March or April meetings. You **MUST** have a tag on the back of your quilt with your name clearly visible and who will pick them up after the event.

**Option 2:** Drop your quilts off to any of the committee members before April 27. You **MUST** have a tag on the back of your quilt with your name clearly visible and who will pick them up after the event. The committee members will hang all entries the day before the event.

The committee members are Calista Jo Grogan, Mary Lee Grabowski, Carol Hicks, Elizabeth Wood and Carol Ballard.

This a great way to show off our work and get more recognition of our group. Since it is our 30th year, it will be fun to show off our quilted cards as well.

## **Quilt Counts**

Our final count for donation quilts in 2017 was 232! If you average each quilt at approximately \$125 that is over \$29,000 in donations from our group, an amazing total! The quilts donated to others illustrate the kindness of our world that people truly care. This is a message we need desperately in our society. Thank you fellow quilters; you have the kindest hearts!



## **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**

Updates for the group will be announced at the March meeting.

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

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Stoney Ridge Library – Nancy Jacobs hosting  
Contact Alta Codding for 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.

\*\*\*Updated information on the charity quilts for St. Vincent's Palliative Care. They really appreciate all the donations made to them, but they can no longer use the small quilts. They ask that any donations from now on be at least the size of a receiving blanket (30" wide by 36" long).

## **Newsletter Help**

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)





**Black Swamp Retreat Registration Form OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> – OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2018**

**"FALLING FOR PIECING "**

**At Howard Johnson Hotel, 1920 Roschman Ave. Lima, OH 45804**



You can call Howard Johnsons: ph # 419-222-0004 or fax # 419-221-2604 to make room reservations. Just ask for the block of rooms for the Black Swamp Quilt Retreat. Room Rate is \$81.99 per night plus taxes. Breakfast is included with hotel stay.

Retreat fee for members will be \$80, and must be paid by Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. We are accepting a \$30.00, *non-refundable deposit*. For non-members the fee will be \$90. We will fill up the retreat first with paid members thru August 31.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member \_\_\_\_\_ Ck # \_\_\_\_\_ non-refundable deposit \$30 Ck # \_\_\_\_\_ retreat fee \$80

I am not a member \_\_\_\_\_ Ck # \_\_\_\_\_ retreat fee \$ 90.

Who would you like to sit with

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact Information Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number for contact person \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs. - Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Fri – Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Your payment and registration can be given to Jacquie Sharrer or Kathy Hassink at our meetings or mail to: Jacquie at 14448 County Road 216, Findlay, OH 45840. *No Refunds will be given after August guild meeting.*

Would you be interested in donating \_\_\_\_\_ a door prize \_\_\_\_\_ or 60 table favors? If you decide later, please let one of our committee members know.

We will have lots of space for a demo if you would like to volunteer. A flannel board will be available. Please let Jacquie know. I will keep a master list. Topic \_\_\_\_\_ performance time (lol) preferred \_\_\_\_\_

Check In on Thursday Oct. 18 will be at 3pm for your room, but you can start sewing at 1pm in the large ballroom. Check out on Sunday Oct. 21 is 11 am. But you can sew until 3pm. Swimming pool available. Large tables are available for larger projects to lay out.

FOOD allergies and special dietary information- *PLEASE list*

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We will be providing Friday evening supper, Saturday evening supper & Sunday lunch. Restaurants available around hotel. A quick local favorite is Kewpee's about 1 1/2miles away.

I want everyone to be accommodated. We are going to have strip poker, fat quarter bingo, Chinese auction other activities. Any suggestions please contact a committee member. Great food, delicious cake, pretty decorations, wonderful friends are planned. Thank you.

