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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.

Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization is to promote the development of quilting in our community and to educate interested persons in all aspects of quilting.

President's Message

The Black Swamp Quilters Quilt Show was a big success. About 400 people came to view the quilts. The Four Corners (formerly Huntington Bank) is a great place for the show. Bowling Green Downtown Association provided great media coverage and also large signs to direct people to the show.

Of course having a quilt show requires much work. Some of the details were carrying banquet size tables, small quilt rakes, ladders etc. from Ben Franklin four doors down to the Four Corners. There were also silk flowers arrangements to add to the ambiance. Plus all the quilts that were taken to the Busy Thimble earlier in the week. So it took much muscle power which also included hanging the quilts. Bed size quilts are not easy to handle when standing on a ladder. Connie had some dedicated helpers who will be recognized at our June meeting. See you Friday the 13th for the "Singing Quilter" Show, lecture and entertainment.

Ruth

May Meeting-The Singing Quilter

Cathy Miller, The Singing Quilter, will be giving a lecture on Friday, May 13, and presenting a 6 hour workshop on Saturday, May 14. The lecture will begin at 7:00 on Friday evening. Refreshments will be served. There will be NO regular meeting that night. No show and tell; no business meeting, and please do not bring items for the "free" table. If you have finished donation quilts, you may bring them, but there will be no show and tell.

If you are interested in attending Cathy's Mola workshop on Saturday, contact Marsha Randles. Spaces may still be available.

I'd Rather "Bee" Quilting Retreat

Wow! 38 people have signed up for the BSQG retreat in the first 5 days. Open registration begins at the May meeting. The registration form was sent via email the day before the April meeting. Details, costs and the challenge are all included on the form. You can mail your registration to Joanne Streaker or bring it to the May meeting. It's clear from the numbers, you'd "Rather Bee Quilting!" (Retreat dates--October 20-23, 2016.)

<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/quilting-basics/quilt-retreat-packing-list>

Wood County Heritage Days

Our group has been asked if we are interested in demonstrating at the Carter Historic Farm on June 11. The farm is interpreted to the 1930's, and they would love to have quilting represented. Cindy Huffman will be demonstrating on a treadle sewing machine, and will have handcranks available. We can set up an area inside, tables are available. We can display a few quilts, if anyone has a 1930's style quilt they would be willing to share, please let Cindy know. Anyone who wants to demo a quilting technique (probably hand sewing of some type), is welcome to participate. More details in the June newsletter.

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. May 18, June 15.

Charity Quilters/St. V's Group

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. May 20, June 17.

Daytime Mini Group

May 9, Stony Ridge Library, Nancy Jacobs hosting.

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. May 9, 2016.

Announcements

Jean Overmeyer will be the featured speaker for The Gathering of Quilters May meeting. May 19, 2016, @7:00 pm. Holland Free Methodist Church. www.gatheringofquilters.org

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. Location to be announced.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to member Karen Kotula, who on March 12 was inducted into the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame. She also received the 4-H Community Service award.

Congratulations to all of our members who won ribbons and awards at the recent Sauder's Quilt Show. Members Barb Henning, and Betty Jefferis won first place ribbons for their quilts.

At our April meeting, the winners of the Modern/Pantone colors Guild Challenge were:
Best Use of Color: Mary Lee Grabowski
Most Unique: Kay Seigel
People's Choice: Jean Overmeyer

2016 Calendar

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| May 13-14 | Friday, 7:00, Special Speaker "Singing Quilter" Cathy Miller Saturday, workshop at Community Center |
| June 9, 2016 | Regular meeting, Thursday, 6-10 Joyce Dauer |
| July 14, 2016 | Regular Meeting, Thursday, 6-10 pm |
| 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, 20, 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 |
| 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 |

