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Treasurer: Joanne Kessen

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Members-at-large: Deborah Tell, Carol Ballard, Anita Kopp

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.

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President's Message

Greetings, several items on my "to do" list... Are you thinking warm weather? Flowers, sunshine, boats, fish, corn on the cob? Why not make a "Summer" quilt? It would be wonderful to see loads of participation in the April challenge! Just make something small, anything will do, as long as it is quilted in some way. In previous years, I usually started mine the Sunday before the meeting... One year, that even won a ribbon at Sauder's. (Maybe there will be a special participation prize from yours truly?)

Applique for Beginners

Starting with the May meeting, we will be starting a group for beginning hand applique, meeting at 6:00, before the meetings, in the back area. We will not have a session in April, because the challenge committee needs that space. If you have signed up to learn, or to help, I will be sending out emails in the next month.

May your seam ripper gather dust, and your bobbin always be full,
Cindy

Program, Thursday April 10th

Summertime Challenge Reveal & Guild Birthday Party

Bring your completed project in PAPER grocery bag. The rules:

1. The project must have 3 layers and have quilting.
2. The project must interpret the theme Summertime.
3. The project can be any shape or size - household items or clothing or just fun.
4. Any quilting technique may be used - pieced, appliqué, art, embellished or three dimensional.

The entry must be quilted and completed. If not completed, it can be displayed but is not eligible for the voting.

Prizes will be given for:

Best first time challenge entry, Most unique appliqué, Most unusual fabric, Most humorous and Best interpretation of theme.

Project UFO from your President

On TV, they make designer clothing from beach balls and burlap sacks. (If you aren't watching Project Runway, you should be - Cindy.) What can you do with someone else's unfinished project? At the April meeting, bring in a project you are

tired of, in a PLASTIC grocery bag, no name. It can be in any state of disarray... pieces, parts, a whole top, a pattern and matching fabric. We will trade these pigs (projects in grocery sacks) anonymously, and you have until next January's meeting to finish the project.

Retreating in the Pines

AAHHH! Retreating in the Pines, the annual Black Swamp Retreat where you can relax with your quilting, enjoy the surroundings at the Pines, and best of all, laugh a lot with your besties from quilt guild. We are trying to save money on printing and mailing, so the registration has been emailed.

WHEN? October 24, 25, & 26

WHERE? The Pines Retreat Center in Fremont

COST: \$165. This includes 6 meals and sleeping room. \$90 deposit with \$40 non-refundable. The remaining \$75 is due by the end of the August meeting. Any late payments will incur a \$25 late fee.

REGISTRATION: Opens at the April meeting and closes at the end of the August meeting.

Almost everyone should be able to have a private sleeping room, unless otherwise requested. Everyone on the committee is working hard and would especially love seeing YOU at the retreat!

If you would like to attend, print off the registration and bring it with your money to the meeting or mail to Joanne Streacker.

Wood County Historical Center

The Wood County Historical Center & Museum opens for the season April 5th.

There is a quilt exhibit that runs from April 5th through May 11th that features quilts from notable Wood County-ans. On May 9th, there is a brown bag lunch and

lecture by author Suzie Parron, who will speak about her book, *Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement*.

Bowling Green Art Walk

Our guild will be featured in a Quilt Show on April 26th in downtown Bowling Green. Email member Connie Miller at the Busy Thimble if you would like to volunteer.

info@busythimble.com

Library Book Donation Suggestions

Seven books were suggested to Carol Ballard for donation to the Wood County Library. *Seams Unlikely: The inspiring True Life Story of Nancy Zieman* by Nancy Zieman and Marjorie L Russell. \$12.48. *The Farmer's Wife Pony Club Sampler Quilt* by Laurie Aaron Hird \$25.01. CD is included. *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini \$19.98. *Thread Duets: Looking at Quilts From Both Sides* by Barbara Shapel \$29.95. *Quilt National 2013* (limited edition) \$29.95. *Patchwork Sassaman Style* by Jane Sassaman \$29.95. *Confetti Naturesapes* by Noriko Endo. \$29.95.

Mini Groups

Daytime – April 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Waterford at Levis Commons, 2nd floor. Hosted by Grace Stinchcomb

St V's – April 18, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Karen Glassford's home. See roster for address. Bring your lunch and a project to work on; donation fabric & batting available.

Bowling Green Community Quilters – contact Barb Lemon.

Art Group – Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m. at Grounds for Thought. Note day change.