



April 2017

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Guild meetings are the 2nd 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.

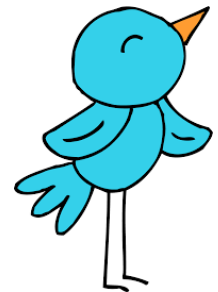
MISSION STATEMENT

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,

Happy Spring everyone! My yellow crocuses survived the freezing weather and that makes me think spring has finally arrived! Every day as I walk the dog I also notice that the flowering trees have swollen buds, hopefully by the time you read this newsletter they will be blooming. The good and bad weather we have been having also reminds me of numerous quilt days many of us have experienced: some everything goes as directed and other days the seam ripper is busy! Eventually it all comes together and a creation of something beautiful emerges from our own two hands.



Thank you to everyone for your input on the eventful March meeting. Wow what a night! There was not a dull moment with the eating, shopping and viewing of the beautiful projects members brought to share. I am thankful we have such an active sharing group, at least everyone went home knowing the evening was not a waste because something was going on. In the future, we will try not to have so much packet into one evening. (Also, if you found a large serving spoon in with your dish and it was not yours it might be mine. I did not realize it was not in my casserole until I got home).

Keep up the excellent work finishing your UFOs and surprising us with your creativity in the making of the color blocks.

Joyful Quilting,

Ruth

2017 Calendar

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



UFO Challenge Monthly, 2017

WOW, the UFO challenge gals rock! So many members showed numerous beautiful quilts in March, it was delightfully unbelievable. The drawing for the \$10 Kroger card after the collection of slips brought a winner Julie Lee. Congratulations!

Cindy and Joanne have a couple of small reminders for everyone concerning the UFO challenge. This challenge is for true UFO's that are quilted objects, completely finished. Please, in all fairness to the members and competitors for the title "queen of UFO's", keep this in mind when determining if your item "qualifies" for the challenge. Keep on quilting projects half-done from days gone by!
Cindy Huffman and Joanne Streacker

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>

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.

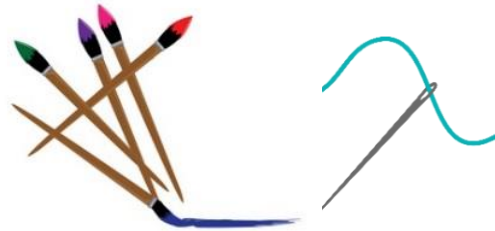
RULES:

- * 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 20, 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



Block of the Month Color 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 new color(s) will be revealed and the block will be due at the following month's meeting. (April's colors are primary). 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. 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.



Art Walk-Bowling Green

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to share your projects at the 25th Annual Art Walk in Downtown Bowling Green on April 29 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. You can drop off your quilts or other projects on Thursday, April 27 at the Busy Thimble Quilt Shop or Connie Miller will pick them up at the April meeting. A signup sheet will also be at the meeting for set up (28th), tear down, demos, and raffle table volunteers. Tear down will be on Saturday (29th) at 4:00 pm. For more details, please contact one of the committee members: Connie Miller, Mary Lee Grabowski, Bess Wood, or Carol Ballard

Quilt Retreat "Paws for Quilting"

WOOHOO! Retreat registration for the Black Swamp Quilters Guild annual event begins at the next meeting! The theme is "Paws" For Quilting. You will find the registration and info below so that you are able to bring the **completed** form and your check to the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting in April, please mail the registration items to Joanne Streacker.

The initial registration deposit will be \$70 for members and \$90 for nonmembers (\$60 and \$80 nonrefundable, respectively). Any remaining money due will be announced In July and due by the August meeting. Please note the retreat challenge is listed on the information page, along with several other key pieces of information pertaining to the retreat, including hotel numbers, no personal irons and craft/tv, and what included in price, etc. Please also note that we have so much fun together because all the attendees help out with demos, prizes, table favors, etc. A simple check mark or X on the registration lets the committee know what you are doing this year, and you can get together with a friend or two to for these items. The more, the merrier!

This year, the committee asks for a donation to a Sandusky county pet re-homing facility, *Another Chance Sanctuary*. Local vet, Laura Hirt, heads up the operation to give abandoned pets a new home full of love. A list of needed items will be posted closer to retreat time, by the end of the summer. Dr. Hirt and her staff will be picking these items up at Quality Inn during the retreat.

The Facebook page, **Black Swamp Quilters retreat 2017 Paws for Quilting**, is up and running. To be included on this page, you must belong to Facebook and click the request to join button on the PAWS page, if you are not already part of the group. This is a closed group so your request must be approved. Only members of the retreat and guild members are to be part of this page.

The committee is so excited to be working on another fun year for the guild retreat. We can't wait to see you "Paws" for quilting!

Joanne Streacker, retreat committee chair
Retreat Committee Members: Sandy Lepper, Rita Trumbull,
Rachel Rentz, Shirley Levin and Mary Lee Grabowski





Sauder Quilt Show – May 2-7

Make plans now to visit the 41st 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>

Sonflower Kid's Camp

Sonflower's Kid's quilt camp will be held from Mon. to Thurs., June 26-29 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for children 9 and up. The cost is \$130, which includes all materials for a lap-sized quilt and snacks. All participants are asked to bring a sewing machine and thread. Phone number for reservations is 419-885-4438

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 sandrlep1935@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**

April 10th – Alta Coddling's home

May 8th – Grace Stinchcomb's home

***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 a future 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.

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
In addition, the deadline for submitting information for the newsletter is the **23rd** 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:

*Who stole the soap? The “robber” ducky! 😊

*What do you call an alligator in a vest? An “investigator”! 😊

Happy Easter

