



June 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 members,

If you attended the May meeting, you know our sound system died. We need to consider purchasing one depending on the price and if we have sufficient funds. The plan was to put the item in the 2018 budget but the old system could not wait. If any member has contact with someone in the sound system business and would like to submit a proposal, send it to me at taffy1@bex.net by June 7. The system should include a line mic, a portable mic and a clip on mike. The Executive Board will review the proposals and make a recommendation to the members at our June 8 meeting.



The Guild received a letter about Quilt Day at the Wood County Fair, August 3, 2017. If we want to participate, we need to let the committee know. This year there is a time change for the day. The Show will open an hour earlier from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Set up and registration of quilts will begin at 8:00 AM. This will give everyone a chance to enjoy their evening and the seniors will have an opportunity to view the quilts earlier in the day. Our member Wendy Jenkins will give a demo at 1:00 PM "The Artist in You:" The 4:00 PM demo is Infinite Stitches and Add-on embellishments. There was an entry form in the packet of information from which copies can be made if you are showing a quilt or it have it registered at the Fair office.

Quilting is on hold for me now that it is time to get in the garden and plant flowers and a few vegetables. We have rabbits who just love the tender greens so the garden had to be fenced temporarily until the plants get bigger and the leaves are not tender. If you are gardening, I hope you still find a little time to complete an UFO, do a block for the Color Explosion or work on the Hatchet Quilt.

Enjoy the photos in the Newsletter from the Art Walk Quilt Show!

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

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.aqsblog.com/creative-organizer-ufo-pages>





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. (June's colors are Complementary Colors – opposites on the color wheel. You are welcome to use any color as long as they are opposites). 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.

June and July Programs

The program for our June 8 meeting is a trunk show by Susan Ramos. She will be presenting her breathtaking quilts that focus on hand applique and hand quilting. We are definitely in for a treat! Back by popular demand on July 13, we will again be having our "Garage Sale" (this will be our evening program so let's make it a big sale)! Bring your quilting items (priced and marked with your name) ready to sell and money to spend. There is nothing better than finding more fabric or a new project to sew from our quilting friends. Start saving and packing today!

Hatchet Block Quilts

Using the Hatchet block as your basic building block, make a baby quilt using your own setting idea. The finished quilts need to be brought to the July meeting. We will have a mini quilt show and then the quilts will be donated to the Children's Resource Center for the summer parenting programs. They are in need of "floor" quilts, so bright, happy colors and prints. Size should be 36x48 or any combination of that. If you have any questions please contact Cindy Huffman.

This is the Hatchet block Cindy is working on..."Fish, Fish...Shark!" Can you see the basic block?



Quilt Retreat "Paws for Quilting" October 19-22, 2017

Spots are filling up! Don't miss out on the fun, sign up today! 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. All forms and further information can be found on our webpage:

<http://blackswampquiltguild.tripod.com/retreat.html>. 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 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! Please contact any committee member for more details.

Joanne Streacker, retreat committee chair

Retreat Committee Members: Sandy Lepper, Rita Trumbull,
Rachel Rentz, Shirley Levin and Mary Lee Grabowski

Hints from Sandy

How do you clean a cutting mat?

I found several answers with credits as indicated -

1. A self-healing mat - use a rubber eraser (hard one with a flat side) and with the flat side, move it over the mat and then wipe residue off the eraser and off the mat - ChrissieD.com
2. A plastic dish-scrubbing bar
3. Baking soda and damp sponge or a wet paper towel
4. OLFA directions for saving board from markings: ALWAYS use a rotary cutter with a SHARP blade to avoid making deep cuts in mats and use a minimum of pressure; store the mats flat and keep away from heat, cut on different areas to keep from grooving the mats, and can use an art gum eraser for removing batting or flannel fibers.
5. From Sally Dolin - for possibly fixing warped boards, cover flat the area that is warped with a very wet towel. Then use an iron at an extremely hot setting slowly over the wet towel - 7 to 10 minutes each area portion. Then place huge stack of books over the still wet towel/warped board overnight. This might save your board until you can afford a new one.

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

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

Quilt Foundry Class

Quilt Foundry is offering a Binding Lecture on Monday, June 12 at 6:30 PM. Given by Lisa and Erin. It is a talk about bindings and demonstrate different binding techniques. Call the shop at 419-893-5703 for more details.

Alex Anderson is coming to Stitch!

In September Alex Anderson will be at Stitch. Details about this program including registration costs and program information can be found on the stitch website: www.stitchtoledo.com Look for the Alex Anderson Brochure. Deadline is June 1. You can also call Stitch at 419-517-7092.



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**

The Charity Quilt Group will not be meeting at Karen Glassford's in June. They will be sewing at Cindy Huffman's on Friday June 23rd from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. Please note this is the forth Friday. Everyone is welcome, please bring your own lunch and project to work on. If you need to borrow a machine, there will be plenty available.

***Daytime Mini Group**

Daytime Quilters will be meeting the second Tuesday of the month (June 12) at Jean Langendorfer's home. Her address is 1372 Clough St. in Bowling Green. For more information, contact Alta Codding at 419-353-4058.

***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.

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

It never fails; my longtime friend from Kindergarten faithfully sends me a funny every Friday...like clockwork. I hope some of these silly little jokes makes you smile like I do☺

What do you call an alligator in a vest? An in-vest-igator! Now that is a good one!
What made the computer sick? It had a virus!



The Black Swamp Quilt Guild Raffle Quilt at the Art Walk in April
Red Work donated by Susan Ramos

