

BLACK SWAMP QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes

November 10, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. President's message and announcements:
 - Our guild has donated over 200 quilts this year to charity groups.
 - Sewing mystery. Why is sewing machine lint always grey in color?
 - Sheila Painter was interviewed by a BGSU student and also spoke on her quilting hobby, to a BGSU Folk life and Material Culture class.
 - Sheila brought photos of her new sewing room at a family farmhouse.
 - Public Service Announcement: To test if your Calcium pills are being absorbed as they should be, put a pill in a glass of water and it should dissolve within 15 minutes. If it does not dissolve the pill is going through your system without any benefit.
 - Black Swamp Quilt Shop in Milbury is closed. All the stock from that store has been combined with Stitch on Holland/Sylvania Road, next to Barry's Bagels.
 - Jennifer Chiaverini's newest novel is on sale now.
 - Little Touch of Heaven Quilt Shop in Wayne, Ohio will have an Open House on Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - There is an article in the November 2, 2011 edition of the Toledo Star Free Press, "Judy Paschalis uses PolitiQuilts to make political commentary."
2. Introductions: New members-0, visitors-3, birthdays for November-5
3. Minutes of October meeting were approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit.
5. Reports of Boards and Standing Committees
 - a. Retreat Committee – Joanne Streacker reported that the October Retreat in Carey went well. They got many positive comments on the evaluation sheets from attendees. The food was excellent. Many people had their own room. We did not have to bring bedding this year. Many took a very nice tour of the facility. We will be having next years retreat at the same location. The dates for the retreat will be October 26-28, 2012. Price will be the same as this year.
 - b. Newsletter – Marge Hufford would like members to please give her items to include in the newsletter. All newsletter items must be sent to her by November 25, 2011 to be included in the newsletter.
 - c. Website – Carol Harper reported that we need to renew the name "Black Swamp Quilters," for the website in January 2012.
 - d. Sandy Lepper reported that she has 2 new member folders to give to new members.
6. General and Unfinished Business
 - a. Holiday Brunch will be Saturday, Dec 10 at 10 a.m. held at the Bowling Green Country Club. The cost for the brunch is \$15.00. Please pay Becky Getz if you plan to attend. There will be an optional gift exchange of a homemade gift valued at about \$10.00. We will have show and share for quilts and projects that will be given as Christmas gifts only. This will take the place of our regular meeting in December.
 - b. NQAQuilts.org will continue to feature our guild through the month of November. They received 6,000 hits on the web site in October. Check out the photos of our group.
 - c. During the winter months, if Bowling Green City Schools close due to inclement weather our monthly meeting will be cancelled. Check the news for school closings.
 - d. The program committee for next year will be VP Jacquie Sharrer, Carol Hicks, Joan Jaffery, Mary Lee Grabowski and Dedi Spoores.
 - e. Workshop in 2012- Dale Burnett reported that the group will be having a lecture and workshop given by Vickie Pignatelli October 12 and 13, 2012. The workshop will be limited to 25 people and will be held at the 1st Christian Church in Bowling Green. Curved piecing will be taught at the class. Visit vickiepignatelli.com for more information on this quilt artist.
7. New Business
 - a. No new business was reported.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.
Reported by Brenda Swanson