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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

What makes a quilt a quilt? According to most shows we enter, a quilt is three layers, attached in some way. When you make a donation quilt, keep this in mind. We ask all members to make two donation quilts each year. These do not have to be elaborate, quilt show winners. They can simply be a top and a backing, and something in the middle. Take two pieces of fabric, add batting or a piece of flannel, sew them together pillowcase style, flip and press. Or back a panel print with fleece. These can be simply quilted, machine tacked, or tied. The baby quilts we donate to Children's Resource Center in the summer are used as 'floor' quilts, so the babies have a clean, safe place to play and sleep. They can be lightweight throws...it is summer in Ohio, after all. Dig through your stash, find those colorful kids prints you bought for the baby who is

now in college. (Or as one of our members put it recently... "last century's fabric.")

Sew a quick, cozy baby quilt, and we will see you at the August meeting. Stay cool, and dry! Cindy

President's String Quilt Challenge

As of July, I have collected over 1170 blocks, from 47 participants, and have 7 un-quilted tops, and 9 completed quilts. (Including several twin sized quilts.) Truly amazing. I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year will bring....can we top 2000 blocks??? August blocks are neutrals; September is kid's prints and brights; October is autumn colors and Fall prints; November is animals, and December is Christmas, reds and greens. I am requesting that all blocks except the Christmas fabrics are turned in by the November meeting, so that I can put tops together before the holiday rush. January is the big reveal of all completed quilts. (And UFO tops.)

Kaleidoscope of Quilts Winners

Congratulations to our many members who won ribbons at the recent quilt show, especially Diana Trost, with a Best of Show Bed Quilt, and Mary Lee Grabowski, with Best Use of Embellishment, and Judge's Recognition! Other ribbon winners included Kathy Haver, Sue Gruber, Nancy Lee, Anita Kopp, Ruth Lucius, Carol Hicks, Diana Wittman, Jean Overmeyer, Rita Trumbull, Dale Burnett, Kathy Bartley, Gretchen Schultz, and Sheila Painter. We look forward to seeing your prizewinners at our August meeting. (Hint, hint...)

Next Meeting August 13th

The program for our August meeting is "Feedsacks Quilts and Fabrics" with Gretchen Schultz and Pat Essex. If you have a quilt made from feedsacks, bring it along for show and tell.

Christmas Placemats

At the July meeting, Christmas fabrics were passed out for placemats for the Meals on Wheels program. These will be given to Marilyn Reiwaldt to distribute during the holiday season. They should be approx. 12x18 inches, and can be

Christmas-y or anything bright and cheerful. Completed placemats should be returned by the November meeting. If you would like some donation Christmas fabric to make a placemat, see Cindy Huffman.

Quilters Have Purse-onality

Retreat

Fabric packets will be handed out for those signed up for the Retreat October 22nd-25th.

There is now a waitlist for retreat. If for some reason you must give up your spot, contact Joanne Streacker.

If you are donating something for the retreat, it can be given to the committee for safekeeping at the August meeting.

Mini Groups

The **Charity Quilters** will be meeting at Karen Glassford's on Friday, August 21, from 9:30-4:00.

PHD (projects half done) will be at Joanne Streacker's August 4, and August 18.

Art Quilters will meet at Grounds for Thought on Tuesday, August 18 from 7-9pm.