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Members-at-large: Sheila Painter, Lorena Schwab, Sue Gruber
The guild meets each 2nd Thursday at the Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Building at 1291 Conneaut St.,
B.G., OH Doors open at 6 pm. The Dec. meeting is a brunch, Dec. 12th at the B.G. Country Club.
www.blackswampquilters.org NQA #OH478

August, 2009



Next Meeting: Thursday, August 13th Topic: Andrea Bishop from the Electric Quilt Co. 'Designing with EQ6'
Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show & tell for regular and donation quilts.

Previous Meeting: Deidre, Speaker from the Cocoon Shelter –Many thanks to Deidre for an informative session about the Cocoon and CRC!

LOOKING AHEAD: September 10th Member Kathy Greene from the Fat Quarter Factory 'Tradition Meets Modern'

Quilt Day at Wood County Fair is August 6. Anita Kopp will coordinate the committee. Theme is 'Inspired by Food'. Free admission if you enter a quilt! We will have both sections of the building entrance, and items to hang on the walls are needed. Carol Hicks reminded us that the challenge quilts were hung on the walls. The art group will be displaying items. Items and people are needed by 9 am on Aug. 5. Please contact Anita if you can help. For more info on the fair and quilt day, go to: Wood.OSU.edu, click on 'Family and Consumer Sciences, scroll down to the page bottom for the 'quilt day' brochure.

Please see the meeting minutes for info regarding the meeting with the **Parks and Recreation Board** and the BSQG fees for use of the premises.

Quilts of Valor

Shari Wiseman and Barb Rugar visited the Veteran's hospital with 37 donated quilts last month. They were given a tour and shown the need for more quilts. The size requirement is 60 X 85, and the quilts do not have to be red, white and blue! Please see Shari or Barb for more info.

Promise Quilt tickets for sale – see Anne Donald

The Nominating committee consists of Chair Kathy Bartley, Wendy Jenkins & Lorena Schwab. We need a president, V. P., and Secretary. The present Treasurer has more time if she wishes to continue. There will also be a new 'Member At Large' position open. Candidates are to be announced at the Sept. meeting with voting at the Oct. meeting. Louise Kimpel will have the 2010 program calendar set up before her time as VP is finished.

The Stitching Post is re-Opening under new ownership and management in the Dayton area. Our best wishes to them in their new endeavor.

Tips, Tricks & Misc.

Champaign County Barns

I went on a house and garden tour with a friend a couple weeks ago and found out about a "Quilts on Barns" tour in Champaign County. It's about 2 hrs. away from BG so not a bad day trip. We took Rt. 68 most of the way which is a very scenic route without lots of truck traffic which is a plus for me. My husband and I had done the one in Athens a few years back.

This one has 50 barns to see. I have a brochure that is good through Aug. of 2009. Then there will be a new one for the tour date of Sept. 19-20. My brochure shows all the patterns and has a map to follow with them color coded as to which year they were added. (2006-2008) A complete list of Barn Histories is on the website www.champaigncountybarns.com

The Robert Rothchild Farm is in Urbana, OH also is a good place to shop, eat, and view their beautiful garden out front or pet their goats housed on the side of the driveway.

There is a newly opened Bed & Breakfast on State Route 29, Mechanicsburg, OH hopkinshouse@hotmail.com that is a beautiful old farm house that would be a lovely stay over if you decide to tour barns for the whole weekend. -Carol Ballard (thank you!)

I demonstrated at the last meeting how to fold quilts on the bias to prevent creases. It was hard for some people to see, so here's a link that might show it better:

<http://appliqueandpatches.blogspot.com/2009/03/quilt-folding.html>

This method is actually better than what I showed and is easy to follow, for both square and rectangle quilts. - Sheila

Effusive thanks to Sheila Painter for taking copious notes for me from the July meeting I was unable to attend! -Diane

<http://www.ohioquilts.org/>

This is the site recommended by Jean Oberskier to join at the July meeting. 'Ohio Quilts' is the group, \$15/year

www.quiltcampus.net – Online classes, workshop and live chats! from Jean Oberkiser (flyers available at June mtg.)

Connecting Threads.com- Has announced all their new fabric is 100% cotton, grown and printed in the USA. \$5.96/yard. There is a contest on the webpage to send this info to a friend and be entered into a \$50 prize contest, drawing August 17, 2009. Thanks to Charlene Snyder for submitting the info!

Mini Groups:

Daytime – 2nd Monday of the month 10am-3pm

Stoney Ridge, OH Library with Pat Ford as hostess
Contact: Alta Codding

Evening – 4th Monday of the month at the Wood County Library

6:30-8:15 pm (On hiatus July & August)
Contact: Sue Gruber

Fabric Art Group – 3rd Friday of the month

Contact: Mary Lee Grabowski

St. V's Palliative Care Quilt group – Will meet again in Sept.

Contact: Joan Edwards

Additional info on Mini Groups will be provided at the monthly BSQG meetings.

Please submit articles for the newsletter by the 20th of the month prior to the next meeting to be included in the latest newsletter. Editor: Diane – email [Melinda @ bex.net](mailto:Melinda@bex.net) Snail Mail – contact Carol Ballard

Spotlight on: A Little Touch of Heaven Quilt Shop

1st. Sun. of every month, beginning in Oct., 1:00 to 6:00 pm 'Open Sewing'. Cost \$5.00, a doorprize will be given away each session. Extra sewing machines will be available for use by those who may need one, but you must reserve in advance. See website for hours, directions and classes. I've been to the store one time and loved it! Located in Wayne, OH 419-575-1954
Cindy Reynolds, Proprietor
<http://www.littletouchofheaven.org/index.htm>

Book Reviews from Wood County Library rentals, reviewed by member Carol Ballard:

Quilt Savvy: one-patch scrap quilts by Pat Yamin
It's a skinny little book with inside spiral. Each page shows one template used for entire quilt. The templates may be copied from the book, purchased at quilt shops or ordered from her directly. They are arranged by difficulty as you go through the book. Her address is www.Comequiltwithme.com.

Twosey-Foursey Quilts by Cathy Wierzbicki

All the quilts in this book are made from 2½” or 4 ½” strips. She used "The All-in-One Ruler for all the quilts and shows how to use it at the beginning. Templates are also shown as an alternative way to make the quilt blocks.

Better Homes and Gardens Quilt-Lovers

Favorites from American Patchwork & Quilting, Vol. 9
This is favorites picked from the previous magazines and put in book form. It has an inside spiral and lots of good color pictures with directions and quilting suggestions. 14 quilt designers contributed. A pattern packet is at the back.

Dazzling Quilts: Easy Glitz and Instant Glamour

by Pamela Mostek

This book shows layers of added "Glitz". Start with a focal fabric, then follow the 4 step process: 1st layer - The Pieced Background; 2nd layer - Appliqués; 3rd layer - Decorative Stitching; 4th layer - Beads and Crystals

Bendedbias Applique by Linda M. Poole

This goes a little beyond stained glass. Bended Bias is an embellishment you can add whenever you like. Flower edges can be enhanced with these bias edges added or shapes can be outlined to bring out more of the colors. This shows little quilts with lots of flowers and nature type things. The patterns for each look good.

-Thank you so much, Carol for all the reviews!

Quilter's Pocket Reference, \$6.95,

www.Ihaveanotion.com This is the booklet recommended by Rosanna at the June meeting. I'll be ordering 3 soon! Site is by Member Kelly Jackson. You can also check your local quilt shop for the guide.

Many of you know that I am a **machine embroidery** enthusiast. If you have embroidery capability, check out these slippers made 'in the hoop'. I think they are beautiful: (thanks to everyone else for indulging me)
<http://www.secretsof.com/content/4421>

Sewing machine table ergonomics Video:

<http://sew-whats-new.com/group/thesewingroom/forum/topics/sewing-machine-ergonomics>

Build your own sewing machine table – cheap!

<http://sew-whats-new.com/group/thesewingroom/forum/topics/video-how-to-build-a-cheap>

Tip from Thimberries.com newsletter: If you purchase batting that has been packaged in a tight roll, let it 'air' before layering it in a quilt sandwich. To restore the loft, unwrap the batting and either allow it to lay out for several hours or briefly tumble in the dryer on the 'air fluff'.

I read in an old quilt mag that our 30th president, Calvin Coolidge, was a quilter. In the 1880's, Vermont farm boys were often taught to quilt to learn sewing skills necessary for repairing harnesses. The 'President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site' owns a 78” square tumbling blocks quilt top made by 10 year old Calvin. Made while spending time with his mother who was dying of tuberculosis, his work was impressive, although not perfect. See the quilt at

<http://www.historicvermont.org/coolidge/shedbedrm.html> -thank you, Sheila

members after the March meeting. Questions may be addressed to Nancy Andrade or Shari Wiseman.

2009 Events/LOOKING AHEAD

Aug. 1st, 9am to 6 pm

Summer School Bus Trip- Mini Shop Hop

The Quilt Patch in Tecumseh, MI, Viking Sewing Center in Ann Arbor MI, and Sew What in Wyandotte, MI have special presentations at each location, a bus to take you to all 3! Sat. Aug 1st, 9 am til 6 pm or so, \$55, includes bus fare, lunch & snacks at each shop. Space is limited. Sign up at any of the stores:

Viking Sewing Center 734-761-3094

The Quilt Patch 517-423-0053

Sew What 734-281-1344

Wood County Fair – Quilt Day August 6th –see newsletter above for more info

Thurs. August 6, - Sat. Aug. 8, 2009 Essenhaus Quilt Show and Sale, Middlebury, IN Vendors, Seminars, On-Site appraisals, cash awards, 100+ quilts on display, interactive demos, sale

Quilt info: 574-825-0052 ext. 462 hotel/travel info www.Essenhaus.com

Ohio Outdoor Quilt Festival August 8, 2009, Wellington, OH

<http://www.ohiooutdoorquilt.com/>

American Sewing Expo Sept 25, 26, 27th Novi, MI Rock Financial Showplace

<http://www.americansewingexpo.com/>

Quilting with Machines- Oct 22-24, 2009

<http://www.quiltingwithmachines.com>

The region's premier machine quilting event for classes, vendors and fun!

Gathering of Quilters Meetings held at Calvary Bible Chapel, 3740 West Alexis Road, Toledo, OH Annual Dues \$20, visitor's fee \$10 (Possible change of venue for 2009/10)

Sept '09 Garnett Smalley, Irish Quilts

November Penny Haren, Pieced Appliqué

Jan. 10 Charity night: cutting Linus quilts, etc. No speaker, no stash raffle. Not sure if there's a potluck

March Linda Poole, Turkish Appliqué, Blended Bias

May Lenore Crawford, Art Quilts



S.O.S. for Wood County Humane Society - bleach, detergent and ground canned cat food - I am willing to transport or pick up at convenient location and donors can get tax donation form. Sandy Lepper

BSQG 2009 Programs

September 10th Kathy Greene from the Fat Quarter Factory 'Tradition Meets Modern'

Workday: September 19th, details announced at August 13th meeting
October 8th Rita Trumbull and Jenny Morlock 'Quilting Together – Mom & Me'

November 12th TBA

December 12th (Saturday) Holiday brunch and gift exchange at the BG Country Club

FOR SALE: I have a Janome 6260 for sale. It has all the attachments, including a walking foot and 1/4" foot. The machine is in excellent condition and I used it until just recently. I'm selling it because I have another machine I use and don't need it. If anyone is interested contact Mary Daman thru the roster or melinda@bex.net

Stitch-n-Pitch: Major and Minor League baseball games where needlwork is encouraged! Bring your knitting, quilting, whatever and enjoy a game. There are even garments, totebags and noisemakers with 'Stitch-n-Pitch' printed on them! Cincinnati Reds game is Sept. 18, Cleveland Indians June 9, and Detroit Tigers Aug. 30. Mud Hens game was in June; info wasn't listed yet when I checked that month. www.stitchnpitch.com

Have you been accused of being a compulsive saver? You keep everything in your sewing room, even small scraps of fabric? Well, you're no competition for a lady I just read about in an old quilt magazine. She admits to saving the tiny dog-ears she cuts off her quilt blocks. They go in a glass jar she calls Quilter's Confetti! - Sheila

I was doing a crossword puzzle recently, and came across "tear out, as a seam". The answer was five letters. I was perplexed, as RIP obviously didn't fit. The crossing answers revealed the entry began UN, so I was thinking maybe they meant UNSEW. But no, I finally had it filled in. The answer was UNRIP. Hmmm...in my world, if you "unrip" a seam, you're sewing it! Obviously the puzzle constructor is not a quilter! -Thank you, Sheila!

BSQG Mission Statement: The purpose of the Black Swamp Quilters Guild is to promote the development of quilting in our community and to educate interested persons in all aspects of quilting.

Ongoing BSQG Information

BSQG Pins will be available for purchase at meetings for \$4. Please have exact change or a check made out to BSQG. Please see Ruth Lucius or Joan Jaffray for a pin.

2009 BSQG Retreat

The retreat is now open to the public. At last count, there were 62 registrants. Door prizes are being accepted.

"Fall into Quilting" is the theme for our October 16-18, 2009, retreat at Widewater Retreat Center. We invite you to join with us for a fun-filled weekend, with plenty of time for sewing and chatting with friends -- and you don't even have to cook!!! The price includes six meals, a special snack, and two nights lodging. Reservations may be made beginning at the January meeting. The deposit (non-refundable) this year will again be \$100, with the final cost to be determined in August, depending upon the number planning to attend. All payments must be made by check or money order. No cash can be accepted, nor can we accept combined checks or money orders for retreat fees, membership dues, etc. No reservations can be accepted after August 13, 2009. In order to register, you will need to bring three different 1/2 yard pieces of good quality cotton fabric and a check or money order payable to Black Swamp Quilt Guild for \$100. Registration forms will be available at the January meeting. When you register, you will receive a piece of "fall" fabric, which is to be incorporated into your quilt block if you choose to participate in that activity. There is a limit of 72 quilters for the retreat, and reservations will be opened to non-