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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 Mar. mtg. is on a Fri., & the Dec. meeting is a brunch, Dec. 12th at the B.G. Country Club. www.blackswampquilters.org NQA #OH478

January, 2010



Next Meeting: Thursday, January 14th, 2010 at the Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Building (our regular meeting place). **Topic for the Jan. meeting is:**

“USPS” UnStarted Project Success. Bring a pattern you've been thinking about or a fabric stack you've been collecting for that special pattern. Put it all together in a paper bag for the January meeting. You will be keeping and working on your own project. The paper bag is to keep everything together for the photo of your un-started work. (You are not required to be in the photo.) We are collecting photos for the scrapbook so we can all see the progress we've made in a year. Plan to keep the final project for yourself. We give away lots of quilts - it's time to do something for ourselves! We are looking for quilts that haven't yet begun, *not UFOs*. Make this project something beautiful for yourself!

The **2009 UFO Reveal** will be presented so bring your project if you participated.

The **Mystery Row quilt patterns** will be distributed as well. We will have regular and donation quilts Show & Tell.

Voting for an increase in the annual dues was held at the brunch. **Annual Dues will be \$25 per year starting in Jan., 2010.** Checks or money orders only, no cash, to renew your dues. A new roster will be created in March for *paid* members.



SOCK IT TO ME!!! This is the theme for the **Black Swamp retreat**, to be held October 22-24, 2010, at Widewater Retreat Center. Registration forms will be available beginning with the January meeting. **NO FABRIC WILL BE COLLECTED THIS YEAR**, so all you need in order to register is the form and a check or money order (no cash, please) for \$100 (non-refundable) made out to Black Swamp Quilters. The \$100 deposit/registration is good for the January and February meetings only. After that, the deposit will be \$135, and we will be opening the registration to non-members after the March meeting. In order to have exclusive use of the retreat center, we have to pay a deposit of \$4500, to be sent right after the February meeting, thus the push to have as many registrations as possible prior to that time. We are hoping that S'fonda Stash will be able to attend the January meeting. If you missed meeting her at the holiday brunch, you are in for a real treat. And remember, "The early bird gets the worm!"

MEETING CANCELLATION POLICY -- Black Swamp Quilt Guild meetings are cancelled if the Bowling Green City Schools are closed due to ice or snow. If school is cancelled due to fog or other conditions, the meeting is not cancelled because the fog has usually cleared by evening. We will attempt to send out an email if the meeting has to be cancelled. If you do not have email, please ask a friend who does have email to let you know about meeting cancellations and other announcements which are sent electronically. The email will originate from Sandy Lepper.

The December brunch was a wonderful event! Many thanks to Becky Getz for making all the arrangements and the program committee for the gift exchange and charity donation ideas.

BSQG Challenge: The challenge this year involves the color wheel. Handouts were given to members at the Dec. brunch. Please see Bev or Char at the Jan. meeting for more info.

Cindy Huffman has promised a $\frac{1}{2}$ **mitten pattern** (knitting) to some members. Please know Cindy will have the pattern available for those members at the Jan. meeting. It is too lengthy to print here.

Tips, Tricks & Misc.

Hancock's of Paducah is now carrying quilts from the Quilters of Gee's Bend in Alabama known as the Gee's Bend Quilters. I went to the Hancock's of Paducah website and found a fascinating story about early quilters. - Marlene Norton <http://www.hancocks-paducah.com/ItemSearch--search-Gees-Bend--srcin-1> This url for the quilt kits from Hancock's <http://www.quiltsofgeesbend.com/index.shtml> This url takes you to the history of the Gee's Bend Quilters.

Editor's Note: The Flint, MI Art Museum will have an exhibition of Gee's Bend Quilts Jan. 23 to April 18, 2010. www.flintarts.org

An early-days Sesame Street featured quilt patterns on a little one minute video. See it on YouTube here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGgLf60EpZ0> -Sheila

A South Carolina artist sells quilted bible/book covers, made from a well-worn 1940s feed sack quilt, for \$23. She explains it has tatters and holes. See it at www.artfire.com -search for 'quilted bible'. -Sheila

The Kent State Museum in Ohio owns a quilt made from scraps of Mary Todd Lincoln's dresses and a 1926 evening dress worn by Coco Chanel. It is considered one of the most important objects in their collection. -Sheila **Editor's Note:** I've sent an info request to Kent State and hope to have a link to a photo of the quilt for the next newsletter.

I recently read a good book that BSQG members would enjoy. The name is: **Prayers for Sale** by Sandra Dallas. The story is about women in a gold mining town in Colorado. Quilting is laced beautifully throughout their lives. I recommend it highly. Jeannine Rogerson

The Alliance for American Quilts, Michigan State University and MATRIX: The Center for Humane Arts, Letters and Social Sciences Online at MSU has **50,000 archived quilts**. 10 new contributors of quilt research projects nationwide doubled this archive! Another new addition is the 'Signature Quilt Project' that features quilts with multiple signatures. There are 'zoom' and 'compare' features on the virtual site. Applications are now being accepted from institutions or quilt documentation projects to become Quilt Index contributors, with a deadline of March 31, 2010. Info and application materials can be found at: <http://www.quiltindex.org/contributors.php> 'Documenting, Preserving and Sharing the Stories of Quilts and Quiltmakers' www.AllianceforAmericanQuilts.org -Kelly Jackson

This is a link for 10 tips for resolving **tension issues**: <http://e1.interweave.com/dm?id=1C0CF71D7B2195BB3C597B18A8CC9B044A50DCDD5D303444> (scroll down) -Kelly Jackson

Book Reviews from Carol Ballard/Wood County Library
If you are into appliqué you are familiar with Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins of Piece O' Cake Designs. Well, this one is called **Appliqué Delights: 100 Irresistible Blocks**. It has 100 4.5 - 5 inch blocks of flowers, foods, insects, and animals. There are great pictures and designs.

Simple Fabric Folding for Christmas by Liz Aneloski. Although this is a little late for Christmas, the folding instructions are worth seeing and maybe used toward something for next year. It has some really good folded projects.

Simple Start: Stunning Finish by Valori Wells. If you want some practice with circles and really neat quilting, this book is worth looking at. It also shows some good examples of uses of large printed fabrics. It throws in some really good tips & techniques along the way that can be used by everyone. I've really enjoyed all three. Thank you, Carol!!

Sausage Pillowcase Video on YouTube! Use this demo to make an easy, beautiful pillow case to store and/or present a quilt. Pillowcases also make great gifts for kids and grandkids. I made several for sleepovers for kids to sign each other's cases! URL provided by Dale Burnett <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLnrC9yo8tY>

Through the wonders of the internet, I found Allison of www.ThreeSistersFabric.com when I recently sold my sewing machine. This site sells computerized designs for long arm quilters, fabric and misc. other items. It's an interesting site and based nearby in IN! -Diane G.

Selling a machine on the internet? I decided to list my machine at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SewItsForSale/> This is a yahoo group that you join for free then post items for sale & buy items from other members. There were 3 inquiries but nothing really serious. After talking to Sheila she suggested a change in the ad & to include a link to pictures. WOW!!! The pictures did the trick! Inquiries & offers came in from all over the country. I had stated no buyers outside of the USA or I know I would have had offers from all over the world. My price was very low but there were a lot of hours on the machine, even though it was in great condition & had just been serviced/cleaned. My first inquiry offered to send me a payment every month until the balance was paid off, but I SHOULD SEND THE MACHINE FIRST. Yes, that wasn't happening! The next offer was from a woman that would pay me in 3 equal installments – but I SHOULD SEND THE MACHINE RIGHT AWAY. I was getting discouraged by the weird offers when a serious sounding one came. This prospective buyer wanted the serial no. of my machine before she would consider buying it. She insisted it was the only way she would proceed. I was trying to take the offers in the order I rec'd them to be fair. While I had subsequent offers closer to home, I sent this person the serial no., spending 3 days corresponding with her. She asked me if I would take 50% less because her husband was dying and she had cancer. This was her 'dream machine' & she wanted to sew quilts for homeless babies. Well, she only wanted the serial no. because the machine co. offers rewards to anyone finding a stolen machine for sale on the internet that reports it to them. She wanted the serial no. to determine if mine was a stolen machine so she could claim a reward! She had no intention of buying it, delayed my sale & frustrated me to no end with her stories of woe. A really nice woman from Sacramento, CA ended up buying my machine. I didn't realize shipping was so expensive & while she paid for the shipping, I was worried about the packages getting there in good condition. *And it took forever.* She had wire transferred the money to me already, & was trusting me to send the machine, a huge leap of faith. We were both nervous wrecks. The wait was excruciating, believe me. I have learned that if I sell something in the future, to post that I will consider buyers closer to home first. I had several inquiries from MI, IN & OH that were willing to come to my home to pick the machine up. I could have avoided the delay & costs of shipping. I also found a couple of small items I neglected to ship originally & shipped subsequently at my expense. Overall, it was a good experience & I have made some new cyber friends. A friend of mine sold her machine on eBay a few weeks later. The buyer never paid her. She had to wait 2 weeks before re-listing & then did successfully sell the machine. So, if you are considering selling online, be patient, decide beforehand about shipping fees, packaging costs, whether or not to believe the sob stories, & how to receive payment. PayPal is a good alternative. Good luck!

Green Quilting- Visit your local landscaping and garden store and check out white landscaping cloth! It's a sheer, polymesh fabric that could be used as a base in art quilts. Netting used to protect trees from hungry birds can be also be used as a base for weaving and embellishing. The local home improvement stores have painter's drop cloths, which are actually a very large and inexpensive piece of fabric! It's easy to work with and can be painted, stamped, dyed and embellished in any number of ways. Drop cloths look similar to linen, but need very little ironing after laundering. Add some silver washers, black rubber washers, and misc. other 'parts' from the hardware dept., and you would have a very interesting project!

Timesavers: Kits for Busy Quilters- A growing trend are quilt shops offering 'kitted' projects of pre-cut yardage for quilts. Art Gallery Fabrics' new Grab 'n Sew kits will find a pattern, fabric and all the accessories, including matching zipper, clasp, and thread, to make trendy purses and bags, all packaged in a bag almost as pretty as the project itself! Fabric Cafe and It's for Quilting, Etc. are doing the same with 3 & 5 yard kits for quilts with pattern & fabric included.

Ready Made fabric accessories: Island Batik has 26 batik rayon scarves, all sewn, & selling in quilt shops. Quilt fabric designs are everywhere! Westminster Fibers' new lifestyle line has Kaffe Fassett prints on umbrellas, fabric ware dishes and bowls, & cloth covered journals. M&S Textiles has slippers, ties, purses & wrapping paper made with aboriginal designs.

Owl Prints are the newest, hottest print appearing in the fabric lines of Robert Kaufman, Moda, Exclusively Quilters & Camelot Cottons. What a hoot!

Mini Groups:

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

Jan. 11th meeting at Anne Donald's home -Contact: Alta Codding

Evening – 4th Monday of the month at the Wood

County Library 6:30-8:15 pm
Contact: Sue Gruber

Fabric Art Group – 3rd Friday of the month

Contact: Mary Lee Grabowski

NEW **St. V's Palliative Care Quilt Group**

Contact: Joan Edwards
The next St. V's work day will be Sat. Jan. 9 at Joan Edwards, 1156 Dakota Court, BG, 9:30AM-3:30PM.

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

2009 Events/LOOKING AHEAD

Gathering of Quilters Meetings held at the Elks Club, 3520 Holland-Sylvania Road, Sylvania, OH

Jan. 21, 2010 Charity night: cutting Linus quilts, etc.
March 18, 2010 Linda Poole, Turkish Appliqué & Blended Bias

May 20, 2010 Lenore Crawford, Art Quilts, Voting for Challenge, Installation of new officers For More info:

www.gatheringofquilters.org

April 16-18 International Quilt Festival/Chicago, Rosemont, IL
Quilts, Inc: 713-781-6864; shows@quilts.com; quilts.com

26th Annual AOS Quilt Show & Contest, April 21-24, 2010

Paducah, KY 1-800-Paducah or

<http://www.paducah.travel/static/index.cfm?action=group&contentID=2>

Ricky Tims' Super Quilt Seminar April 29-May 1, 2010

NOA, Columbus, OH **June 17-19, 2010**, 9 am to 6 pm.

<http://nqaquilts.org/> or call 614-488-8520 (see ad at right)

November 12, 2009 – January 17, 2010

Quilt National '09 -Quilt National '09 comes to the Riffe Gallery from the Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio. The exhibition is the 16th biennial juried exhibition of innovative art quilts and demonstrates the transformations taking place in the world of quilting. www.riffegallery.org submitted by Carol Ballard

NEW **Save the date for the OH-MI Shop Hop February 25th, 26th, and 27th.** The Quilt Foundry, Corner Quilts, Threads of Tradition, The Quilt Patch, the Viking Sewing Center, Material Girls, Sew What, and Pieceful Traditions and Sunflower Quilts and Gifts. Passports go on sale at the beginning of January. They are \$5.00 and the first 400 people will receive a glass mug commemorating the shop hop them of "Garden Tea Party." As you visit each shop you will receive a gift and a section of the pattern for the shop hop quilt. The center of the quilt is the same; each shop will be offering its own border design. Visit all of the shops and be eligible to win a great gift basket (there are 9 of them) or a bistro set for your home. Each shop will have special sales as well.

NEW March 4-6, 2010 Indiana **Heritage Quilt Show**
Bloomington, IN 812-391-0009, chairman@ihqs.org, ihqg.org

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Programs - 2010 **January 14th**- UnStarted Project
Success and UFO reveal from last year. Also, mystery row quilt
patterns distributed.

February 11th- Library night. Members bring in favorite books or
patterns, with the option of bringing in a project from that book.

March 12th- Potluck on **Friday**. Demonstration tables. Mary Lee:
Stripping; Cindy: Setacolor; **we need at least 2, preferably 3 more**
tables. (I can do snow dye demo if we get enough snow for me to
experiment.)

April 8th- Birthday Party, Color Wheel Challenge reveal. We'll
celebrate with cake and punch.

May 13th- Me & My Sister. Janette Willman and Marilyn Welling
present quilts.

June 10th- Mary Lou Hallenbeck.

July thru December topics will be available as soon as dates are confirmed