



**President:** Sheila Painter SheilaP52 @ yahoo.com (remove spaces) **V.P.:** Denise Domanski  
**Treasurer:** Marilyn Welling **Historian:** Anne Donald  
**Secretary:** Brenda Swanson **Immediate Past President:** Shari Wiseman  
**Newsletter:** Diane Giveins, Carol Ballard-snail mail, Joan Jaffray –website  
**Members-at-large:** Sandy Lepper, Lorena Schwab, Sue Gruber  
**The guild meets each 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 12<sup>th</sup> at the B.G. Country Club. [www.blackswampquilters.org](http://www.blackswampquilters.org) NQA #OH478**

## June, 2010

### **Next Meeting: Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

Mary Lou Hallenbeck is HERE!!! Trunk show, lecture and classes! Contact Marilyn Riewaldt if you need tickets as we are not allowed to sell on the premises. Mary Lou is the owner of H. D. Designs. She was a special guest on Alex Anderson's 'Simply Quilts' in an episode called "To the Letter". Mary Lou teaches various classes, has a wonderful design line and her patterns are carried by 7 different distributors, including Keepsake Quilting and Nancy's Notions.

Tickets for the lecture on June 10 are \$10. Two classes are available on June 11, one in the morning called "Four Patch Stacked Posies", the other in the afternoon named "Constellation Star". Each class is \$35. Tickets are limited so hurry! Contact Marilyn Riewaldt at 419-353-6031 for information or to purchase tickets for any or all of the events. See the website for pdf flyers/info you can help distribute!

**The Program Committee** strongly suggests that you carpool for the Hallenbeck event and **be sure to have your ticket for admission.** There will be no show and tell or business meeting at this event.

**Re: May Meeting:** 'Me & My Sister'. Janette Willman and Marilyn Welling presented many beautiful quilts and in a very humorous way! We had one new member join and 6 visitors. 9 charity quilts were donated. Theresa Howard had fabric for sale, a percentage of which went to our charity sewing (see below), and Bev McClaren had a mini garage sale of sewing related items.

**Blue Skies Quilting and Gifts** donated \$22.16 (30% of total sales) to BSQG for fabrics and batting used for charity quilts. Thanks to Alta Codding, Sandy Lepper, Linda Dunmyer and Charlene Snyder. During the month of May, shipping is free on purchases made at <http://blueskiesquilting.com/>

**The St. V's group** will be meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Friday after the guild meeting. I realize that some people are taking the Mary Lou Hallenbeck class, but if anyone wants to sit and sew, (or drink coffee and chat); we will be at Cindy Huffman's house from 9:30 - 3:00. It's great therapy, and cheaper than a psychiatrist.-Cindy

**The Day Quilting Group** will be at the Stony Ridge Library June 14<sup>th</sup> with Pat Ford as hostess. Seven of us met and 6 stayed for lunch in May. -Alta

**QUILTS FOR THE VA** – Sonflower Quilt Shop of Sylvania graciously donated fifty-one blocks which were made for their winter fabric challenge. We will be setting these lovely pieced blocks, alternated with other fabrics, to make four twin-sized bed quilts for the veterans at the Cincinnati Hospital. Thank you, Kathy and Cathy, and to all of your customers and friends who made blocks. We appreciate your generosity and will plan to send pictures when the quilts are finished. For those of

you who have not visited Sonflower Quilts and Gifts, we encourage you to visit online and in person to see their wonderful assortment of fabrics, their entire wall of handbag patterns, and just about anything else a quilter would have an interest in. [www.sonflowerquilts.com](http://www.sonflowerquilts.com)



**Husqvarna-Viking Mega Quilter Sewing Machine and Inspira Quilting Frame combination.** Excellent condition. Holds up to 110" quilts. Includes 2 extra clamp-on lights, 24 pantographs and laser light. Bought in Aug 2006 for \$2000, used once and will sell for \$1500. Call for further details. Contact Dedi Spoores 419-832-1575.

**Member Request:** Shari needs small plastic or metal boxes for the BSQG Retreat. Altoid tins are ideal for this project. 72 are needed; please see Shari if you can help.

### **2010 Program Agenda**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>:** Wearables with Connie St. Clair

**August 12<sup>th</sup>:** Ruth Grihalva, the owner of 'Forever in Stitches' in Bluffton; Raggedy Ruth quilt pattern designer

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>:** Going to Market with Gretchen Shultz from Quilt Foundry

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>:** TBA

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>:** "I'll show you mine if you show me yours" & Row of the month and retreat show and tell.

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) Holiday Brunch with hand made gift exchange

-Submitted by Denise Domanski

### **Tips, Tricks & Misc.**

**The Button Lady-** This little antique store has 2 rooms packed with buttons! See buttons that date prior to the Civil War and up thru the 30's, 40's, & 50's to present day. There are buttons handmade from bone, wood and Bakelite buttons! The owner, Evelyn Gibbons, will delight you with all things historical and the buttons are beautiful. The rest of the shop has other antiques for sale, including kitchen articles, paper pieces, bikes, records...you name it and I bet you will find it there! 5135 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 734-663-2277 virtual tour: [www.gibbons-shop.com](http://www.gibbons-shop.com) Located in Dixboro, extremely easy to find on your way to Ann Arbor, and it's a delightful little town with Domino Farms (working farm) and the U of M Botanical Gardens (great picture taking op!) very close by. - Diane

**Marcia Derse** – We have a fabric designer living in Sylvania!! See her beautiful designs at [www.marciaderse.com](http://www.marciaderse.com) Marcia has patterns & fabric for sale thru Sonflower quilts locally. I saw her fabric and a pattern at Sauder's, 'Threads of Tradition' shop. I had to feel the fabrics to be sure they were cotton – they look like silk! Simply stunning!

**Country Fabrics**-Beth Nagel visited this store recently and announced how nice it was at the last meeting! 6142 Ganges 5 Points Rd., Shiloh, OH 44878 [www.countryfabrics.net](http://www.countryfabrics.net) 419-896-3785 (most expensive fabric \$6.79/yard)

**Winners of the Paducah AQS Quilt Show 2010 at:**  
[http://www.americanquilter.com/shows\\_contests/paducah/2010/quilt\\_contest/quilt\\_winners.php](http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/paducah/2010/quilt_contest/quilt_winners.php)

**Book Reviews by Carol Ballard from the Wood County Library: The Quilting Answer Book** by Barbara Weiland Talbert. (2009) "Solutions to every problem you'll ever face - Answers to every question you'll ever ask". It's a small but fat little reference book with interesting questions I know every quilter has asked over the years. If you want a little book to refer to often I'd say to use this one. If you want to buy it, it's only \$14.95. A couple of random questions in it: Q I always have leftover batting. Any ideas on how to use them? The answer is on page 63 with drawings. Q What if I need lots of quarter-square triangles (Hour-glass units)? The answer is on page 143 with pictures.

**Gorgeous Quilts for Gracious Living by Sonja Moen & Vicki Lynn Oehlke.** (2009) This book has things to make from pillows to shower curtains. There should be something for every room in the house. They talk about using "BerriAngles" as an alternative of using the 'drawing a line and sewing on each side'. These use sticky papers with triangles that turn back over the fabric to use as a sewing guide. If someone has used them, let me know. They used Willow Berry Lane Collections fabrics which are designed by them in Maywood Studio. Cottage Romance and Full Sun are used here. If you like a cottage look, check this out.

**Show Me How to Create Quilting Designs** by Kathy Sandbach (2004) '70 ready-to-use designs - 6 projects - Fun, no-mark approach'. "Whether you want to tackle your stack of UFOs, or design the quilting as you plan your quilts, Kathy's free-form quilting methods will give you the skills and confidence you need. You'll learn how to decide what to quilt and where to quilt it -- and have fun in the process!" That pretty much says it all.

**Color Shuffle : New Quilts from Karla Alexander (2009)**  
"Karla Alexander is back with exciting new designs to delight her many fans! Now you can broaden your quilting repertoire by combining Karla's stacking and shuffling methods with even more techniques. Choose from 16 projects in a wide range of styles, from "Blue Moon" and "Window Box" to "Somersault." Make the most of today's fabrics with these contemporary quilts -- the stunning designs look far more complicated than they actually are." She made very interesting quilts with fairly basic steps. *Thank you, Carol* for all the reviews!

**\$10,000 Shopping Spree Contest**-Register for a chance to win a \$10,000 shopping spree from 10 shops!  
[www.celebratespring2010.com](http://www.celebratespring2010.com) One entry per person.

**Essay in Fabric - McCall's Quilting Magazine May/June 2010**- The magazine designer's daughter submitted a quilt including novelty prints to illustrate her various interests and activities for admission to the prestigious College of William

& Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Her creativity (and grades) got her admitted!!

**The Sewing Machine Project**- Started in 2005, this effort donated machines to women after the tsunami in S.E. Asia, Hurricane Katrina, and more recently to individuals, schools, and community centers. They accept machines, sergers, patterns, fabric, notions and money to help pay for shipping. For info or a drop off site, see [www.thesewingmachineproject.org](http://www.thesewingmachineproject.org)

**iLovetoCreate.com**- Duncan Enterprises, owner of Aleene's Crafting Adhesives, Tulip Fashion Art, fabric paints, dyes, iron-on transfers and Crafty Chica, has changed their name to ilovetocreate. Visit the website for free ideas.

**What Recession?** Evidence suggests quilters have made more quilts than ever in these slack economic times; however we bought less fabric and sewing machines at the same time. Sales starting rising at the end of 2009 for machines and fabric. JoAnn Fabrics is reporting sales gains of 2-4% a year and plans to remodel 40 locations and open 30 new stores in 2010.

**Machine Quilting Unlimited**- Monthly newsletter, free downloads (current freebie from Crystal Smythe, MI), photos, blog, tips, teacher resource file, quilt shows and events, submissions for your quilts and articles. [www.mqumag.com](http://www.mqumag.com)

### **Call for Submissions**

**'Post Expressions'**, an art exhibit of postcard size art, to be held at the OH State U Campus in Aug. 2010. Entry fee \$5 for up to 3 entries. Deadline July 9, 2010. info: [robinwillow@hotmail.com](mailto:robinwillow@hotmail.com)

**Wood County Fair, Quilt Day, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010- 'Quilting on the Cutting Edge'**, register by 7-30 and get a free pass to the fair and entry in the door prize drawing! Info: Ohio State University Extension Office 419-354-9050

### **Ongoing Black Swamp Quilt Guild Events/Info**

**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 are available at group meetings. All you need in order to register is the form and a check or money order (no cash, please) for \$135 (non-refundable) made out to Black Swamp Quilters. We already have 58 registered for the retreat; we can take only 72 registrations. Please sign up soon if you are interested in attending the retreat -- we don't want anyone to miss out! We will start a waiting list if necessary. S'fonda and the "kids" are taking a short vacation, but they will come back to a meeting later on (perhaps July?) to encourage you to work on your blocks for the contest and to be sure that you have your socks ready to go! The remainder of the retreat fee will be figured out after the August meeting, which is the latest we can accept reservations. -Shari

The **Mystery Row quilt pattern** is available on the website. Sew a block a month to complete this project.

### **Mini Groups:**



**Daytime -Mon. June 14th 10am-3pm**

Contact: for June, Pat Ford, mtg. held at the Stony Ridge Library

**Evening – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at the Wood**

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

**Fabric Art Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am**

Contact: Mary Lee Grabowski

**NEW**

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

Contact: Joan Edwards

The next St. V's work day will be Fri. June 11th at Cindy Huffman's home, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Bowling Green Community Quilters**

thru the B.G. Parks & Recreation Dept.

2010 Meeting Schedule

(4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of Jan. thru Oct.)

7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Contact: Barb Lemon

**June 24, July 22** – meetings held at the Simpson Bldg. on corner of Wintergarden Road and Conneaut Ave. in BG

**Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28**- Meet at the Scout Building on City Park in BG

Nov./Dec. No meetings

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

**2010 Events/LOOKING AHEAD**

**NEW**

**Eleventh Annual Quilt Show Van Wert, OH, sponsored by the West Central Ohio Quilters Guild. June 4, 5, 6, 2010**

Fri. 5pm to 8 pm, Sat. 10 am to 5 pm, Sun. noon to 4 pm  
Raffle quilt, Vendors, demos; coincides with the peony festival. Held at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S. Washington St., Van Wert, OH 45891 Adm. \$2 (no contact info)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fiber Art Show, June 5, 6, 2010** at the 577 Foundation in Perrysburg, OH.

<http://www.perrysburgarts.org/fiberart.html>

and sponsored by the same Perrysburg Area Arts Council, a

**Quilt Surface Design Symposium June 1-10, 2010,**

Columbus, OH Info: [www.qsds.com](http://www.qsds.com)

**NEW**

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Festival & Quilt Auction June 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** Black Swamp Benefit Bazaar, Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, OH Main auction begins at 9 a.m. on Sat.

[www.blackswampbenefit.org](http://www.blackswampbenefit.org) Vendors, food, entertainment

**NEW**

**Original Creative Festival, June 24-26, 2010**

Cincinnati, OH Quilting, Sewing and Crafts Expo.

[www.cdmshows.com](http://www.cdmshows.com)

**NQA Show- June 17 – 19** the 41<sup>st</sup> annual NQA show will be held in Columbus. <http://nqaquilts.org/>

**Shipshewana Quilt Festival! June 23-26, 2010**

pdf at [www.shipshewanaQuiltFest.com](http://www.shipshewanaQuiltFest.com)

**NEW**

**Blue Skies Quilting & Gifts Retreat** June 25, 26 2010

at the Hampton Inn, Perrysburg/Rossford. Cost: \$47 per person, Fri. 1 – 10pm dinner and snacks, Sat. 9 am to 6 pm,

lunch and snacks. Prize drawings. Come sew and have some fun! [www.blueskiesquiltingandgifts.com](http://www.blueskiesquiltingandgifts.com)

**Fiber Workshop weekend, June 26-27,** at The 577 Foundation.

419-873-2787

[www.perrysburgarts.org](http://www.perrysburgarts.org)

**Quilter's Celebration!! July 15-17, 2010,** Featuring the induction of

Jean Wells Keenan of Sisters, OR as the 406<sup>th</sup> Honoree. Workshops, Lectures, quilt exhibits, induction luncheon, auctions, tours of the historic Marie Webster House in Marion, IN. The Quilters Hall of Fame, 926 S. Washington St. P.O. Box 681, Marion, IN 46952. Info: 765-664-9333 [www.quiltershalloffame.net](http://www.quiltershalloffame.net)

**Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild Quilt Show,** July 30, 31, and

Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. [www.gaaqg.com](http://www.gaaqg.com)

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual OH Outdoor Quilt Festival, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>,**

2010, Wellington, OH 10am to 5pm. Info: [www.theElkFarm.com](http://www.theElkFarm.com)

**NEW**

**Fabrications Retreat – Aug. 29-Sept. 3, 2010,**

Kalamazoo, MI For art quilters! Classes, exhibits, reception, celebrity teachers. [www.fabricationsretreat.com](http://www.fabricationsretreat.com)

**NEW**

**Quilting, Stitches & Craft Expos – Sept. 9-11, 2010,**

Cincinnati, OH Quilt displays, appraisals, workshops, seminars, vendors, contests. [www.qssexpos.com](http://www.qssexpos.com)

**The American Sewing Expo Sept. 24-26, Rock Financial**

Showplace, Novi, MI [www.americansewingexpo.com](http://www.americansewingexpo.com)

**NEW**

**A Quilter's Harvest 2010 – Admission \$6, September**

**11 & 12.** Sat. hours 9 to 5, Sun. hours 10 to 4. Marshall Historic Home Tour weekend, Marshall Activities Center, 15325 West Michigan Avenue, Marshall, MI 200+ quilts on display, 15 Vendors, demos, quilt raffle, member challenge, food court. Info: Gail Hand 269-963-8454 or email [handquilter53@yahoo.com](mailto:handquilter53@yahoo.com)

**NEW**

**DOUBLE WEDDING RING RETREAT**

Presented by: Amy Reitzel

**Where: Wingate by Wyndham**

5480 South Main Street, Sylvania, OH 43560

**When: September 17, 18 and 19**

**Cost: \$200 per person**

Includes instruction, dinner Friday night, 2 meals on Saturday and lunch on Sunday

You will be responsible for booking your own room at Wingate, 419-517-2000, we have arranged for special room rates of \$105 per night and can room up to 4 people a room. Breakfast will be included with your room rate.

Come learn John Flynn's method of piecing the Double Wedding Ring quilt. This is a fun easy way of piecing this quilt.

\$100 deposit due by July 15, 2010

Balance due by August 25, 2010

Send reservation payment to: Amy Reitzel, 734-888-1202 or email [adreitzel@verizon.net](mailto:adreitzel@verizon.net) with 'retreat' in the subject line with any questions.