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From the President

Do you love a good mystery? How about a mystery quilt? A mystery quilt is a project you start without knowing what your final quilt will look like. This year I will be sharing with you a mystery quilt that I have designed. I will be telling you how big the final project will be and give suggestions on choosing your fabrics. Participation is always optional.

There is NO charge for the project. You get a free pattern, and you supply your own fabric. And remember, if you don't really like it, you can donate the quilt! This pattern is simple enough for a confident beginner, but interesting enough for the more experienced quilter. I am willing to help any new beginners.

There will be 4 parts to the project. I will plan to distribute Part 1 sometime after April, so everyone can concentrate on their challenge quilt first. It's not too soon to be thinking about color options for the project

Happy stitching!
Carol Hicks
President

Meeting – February 8, 2024

\$20 dues will continue to be collected.
Cash or check payable to Black Swamp Quilt Guild.
Remember to bring your 9 ½" quilt block for the appreciation quilt.

Thinking About Yesterday

by Sheila Painter

From February 2003 (21 years ago!): Program at next meeting at Church of the Nazarene with Becky, Laurene and Sue was Red Work. Sewing room tours open houses were scheduled. Previous meeting intro question was stating members' New Year's Resolutions. Bicentennial quilt blocks were done, but layout plan not decided yet. CRC Quilt Work Day

was coming up, and National Quilt Day workday would be held at Woodland Mall. Members voted to continue Midnight Madness meetings in March. Mini **groups** continued, with Daytime, Evening, and Applique at members' homes. Program of UFOs brought many laughs with still unfinished quilts. Next month's program will be Piecing Curves with Jeanette and Carol.

Wendy Jenkins informed the guild that "Judy" one of the ladies that has been serving us at The Bowling Green Country club at Christmas time for many years, plans on retiring. She suggested that we make Judy an appreciation quilt for her years of service. She requested that we make a 9 ½" raw size quilt block. Please bring these blocks to the February meeting and turn them into Wendy. She will put the blocks together. We plan on inviting Judy to our April meeting and presenting the quilt to her then.

2024 Block(s) of the Month presented by Cindy Huffman in 2024, for 9 months, I will offer 2 blocks each month. The blocks are from the Accuquilt Go Qube Pattern book, and can be cut using the 12" Qube. As you may recall, the guild has this Qube and the Go cutter. I will be bringing the cutter to each meeting so you can cut the pieces for the blocks if you wish. I will send out an email before the meeting with the 2 monthly blocks and the amount of fabric needed if you wish to cut the pieces at the meeting. I will include the links for the block directions as well as traditional cutting measurements. (The cutter will be available from 6:00-7:00 before the meeting begins.) Why 18 blocks? Because I wanted a long twin quilt. 18 blocks plus 17 alternate setting blocks will make a 60" by 84" quilt. You can make more or less blocks depending on the setting and size you choose. All blocks finish at 12". Fabric choices: The amount of fabric you will need depends on the size quilt you want to make. The easiest way is to select a theme print and a background fabric. Then choose other

prints to match. Remember to vary the size of prints, and have some solids. If you run short add in additional fabrics. For my quilt, I used one semi-solid background fabric, and a set of fat quarters I handdyed in a rainbow of colors. I started with 3 yards of background, and 8-10 fat quarters. (I ended up adding additional sashing strips and had barely enough background, so plan ahead. Don't be me.) Or go all scrappy, and choose similar colors, or go wild! It's your quilt, you decide. Hint: February blocks are called "Flashing Windmills" and "Louisiana." Take a moment to go on the Accuquilt site, create a free account, and download the pattern book. <https://www.accuquilt.com/go-qube-12-block-72-block-patterns-booklet.html>

VICE PRESIDENT'S challenge that will be due January 2025 is **Back to Basics**. Half square triangles quilted any size. 50% of the blocks must be half square triangles.

RECALL ALERT

<https://www.steamfast.com/recalls/travelirons>

Please note this is an expansion of the recall originally announced on April 27, 2023. If you previously determined that your Steamfast iron model SF-717, SF-720 or SF-727 was not part of the recall, be advised that it is now recalled.

Our guild is looking for someone to volunteer to be the groups **Historian**. You would be responsible for taking pictures, taking care of the guild's photo albums, and doing some website related functions.

January's program was such a success. Participants were challenged to use a ruler they owned but have never used before. The results were varied and beautiful. Thank you, **Alisha**, for thinking outside of the box and challenging everyone else to do so.

From the Editor

I was searching for Valentine – Quilting related items and I ran across this blog. I thought it was a heartwarming idea and I wanted to share it with you.

If you would like to read more go to:

www.ifoundaquiltedheart.com/the-stories



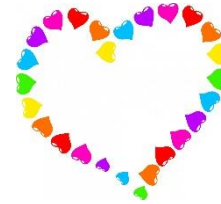
In January, 2014, the most random thing happened while vacationing in Nevada. Three sisters and our husbands took a day trip to Valley of Fire State Park. While hiking, we found a heart near a cave in the middle of nowhere. There was nothing to identify the maker or what to do with it, just a tag that said, "I need a home."

Once we were home, we searched abandoned art projects, the web, geocaching coordinates, and anything we could think of to find out what this heart was and what it meant. After weeks of searching, we decided that this little heart brought us so much joy, that we should do the same for others. We made a website and started sewing hearts like crazy. Looking back at that now, "sewing hearts like crazy" was twenty hearts! We took our little day trips and started leaving hearts in public places for random strangers to find. We have bike ride board meetings, tweaking IFAQH to be the project that it is now. In the beginning, we knew each participant of IFAQH, now it has grown internationally, and we have no clue who is sewing or sowing hearts, and that is ok. Our "sewing hearts like crazy" is now 100s of hearts at a time and on a sister's heart sowing adventure we can leave up to 1,000 hearts.

IFAQH has had a few minor changes over the years, but our heart is to keep it simple, anonymous, random, and neutral with no hidden agenda. Simply leave hearts in a public place for a random stranger to find to brighten their day, and because of that, IFAQH has grown organically, one heart at a time. We were unable to report the first heart as found, but it absolutely brightened our day and inspired us to create IFAQH.

You can go to YouTube **Quilted Heart Tutorial** to learn to make a heart.

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



DENISE BECK
SUSAN RAMOS
DEBORAH TELL

Two more charity groups we can donate our comfort quilts to!

Quilts of Compassion has a pastoral care division, delivering quilts to hospital patients. They also handle disaster relief, providing quilts to those who have lost everything. **"Bringing Hope & Encouragement to the Hurting" since 1999.** Accepts all size quilts for men, women and children. Crochet, knitted, fleece okay too. All must be new. May be quilted or tied; if tied, use pearl cotton only, not yarn. No holiday or sports team specific fabrics, and no rag quilts. A quilt label with your name, city and state is fine, recipients love to know who made their quilt! Chairman: Sheila Painter

Sheila apologizes for getting the Quilts of Compassion sew-in location wrong at January meeting...she had attended the event at Textiles Fabric Shop in Milan, MI. For more info, see Quilts of Compassion on Facebook.

Victory Center has a second location besides Central Avenue in Toledo: Victory Center, part of Mercy Hospital in Perrysburg, is happy to accept lap quilts. **Their mission is to provide hope and support to cancer patients, survivors, and those closest to them. Their vision is that no one will face the cancer journey alone.** Chairman: Sarah DeCola

2024 QUILT SHOWS

April 18 – April 20
Original Sewing & Quilt Expo
Cleveland, OH



Our program for **March** is Quilts of Valor by Lacy Spurgeon. Disabled Veteran, Lacy Spurgeon, is the owner of Freedom Bound Quilt Shop located at **1050 N Shoop Ave Wauseon, OH**. Freedom Bound Quilt Shop was formed, and doors opened October 12, 2017. In order to use this shop to give back to the community, Lacy created a space in her shop to allow Veterans and Spouses/Caregivers of Veterans to sell hand-made items.

BLACK SWAMP QUILT GUILD CALENDAR

2024 PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY	BECAUSE OF EWE Valentine themed show & tell
MARCH	QUILTS OF VALOR FREEDOM BOUND QUILT SHOP
APRIL	GUILD BIRTHDAY PARTY
MAY	PAPER PIECING WITH BECKY STAYER
JUNE	GARAGE SALE
JULY	RULERS WITH MIRANDA STERLING
AUGUST	BARGELLO
SEPTEMBER	QUILTING WITH YOUR SERGER
OCTOBER	TBA HALLOWEEN THEMED SHOW & TELL
NOVEMBER	FEATHERWEIGHT DEMO BY JEAN DALTON
DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY



BLACK SWAMP QUILT GUILD 2024 CHALLENGE

“Name that quilt in so many notes”

Create a quilt centered around your favorite song.

Your quilt must have the following:

- A) musical note
- B) Batik fabric somewhere on your quilt
- C) Your quilt can be any size and needs to have 3 layers, be quilted, and finished by **April** meeting

Judging categories will be:

- 1) Easiest to identify song title
- 2) Viewer’s choice
- 3) Most creative use of musical note
- 4) Most visual impact – eye catching

Articles and Information for the Newsletter If you or your committee would like information in the newsletter, please Use “Newsletter” as the subject send detailed information to Renee Ball by the 25th of the month for publication. renball@aol.com