

JANUARY 2024



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Guild meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Building at 1291 Conneaut St., Bowling Green, Ohio. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

Meeting dates for 2024

Feb 8 Mar 14 Apr 11 May 9 Jun 13

Jul 11 Aug 8 Sep 12 Oct 10 Nov 14

From the Editor

I want to advise everyone that I (**Renee Ball**) have volunteered to take over for **Kathy Haver** on the Newsletter. I knew this vacancy was coming up soon and Kathy would be off to her new life so I decided to give it a try. I am definitely out of my comfort zone in this endeavor. Please bear with me through this transition. Here is hoping I will grow into this position.

You can email me at renball@aol.com with any items that you would like put in the newsletter. Please use NEWSLETTER in the subject line. I would appreciate all requests be submitted via writing so I have something tangible rather than relying on my memory. I would appreciate ideas, suggestions, and help.

I would like to thank **Kathy Haver** for keeping the newsletter going. You did a fantastic job. The Guild is going to miss your smiling face and laughter and we all wish you the very best life has to offer. We will miss you and think of you often.

Sincerely,
Renee Ball

Meeting – January 11, 2024

2024 dues are now being collected. \$20 cash or check payable to Black Swamp Quilt Guild can be given to the treasurer at our meeting or mailed to:

Kathy Hassink
2370 Twp Rd 232
Van Buren, OH 45889

From the President

It's a new year! And you have a new president! This is my second round of serving as president. I was president in 2000 as we entered the new millennium. One of the things I like about our guild is that I think we are a welcoming group and we encourage those just starting their quilting journey.

I'd like to tell you a little about my quilting journey.

In 1975 I was in college and got a job at THE PIECE GOODS SHOP in Lima. I bought my first (used) sewing machine. I got it at a garage sale. I came across a book about quilting put out by the Simplicity pattern company and I got hooked on quilting. 1975. That means next year I will celebrate 50 years of being a quilter! I moved to Bowling Green in 1987 and I joined the guild in 1995. I have served at least once on every committee or position except secretary and historian.

In the 70's there was a quilter on PBS television named Georgia Bonesteel. I bought her book, which was a sampler book of 12 squares and was printed with a typewriter and "published" at home. She promoted hand quilting (the only kind there was then) and you quilted each block after it was pieced.

Over the years I took classes, read books and gradually learned new skills. It was so exciting when rotary cutters came out. I think I got my first one in 1978. No more cutting templates out of cardboard with scissors. I learned the importance of ¼ inch seam, and have made hundreds of quilts through the years. Among the machines I now own is a Gammill long arm.

I will try to lead the guild into an exciting future and continue to share my knowledge of quilting. I want to encourage all of you to get involved in YOUR guild. Most committee positions are not as daunting as they seem. Remember, if

nobody volunteers, the president will ASSIGN the position. If you have never served on a committee, or it has been a while since you have, I challenge you to volunteer to work on just one this year.

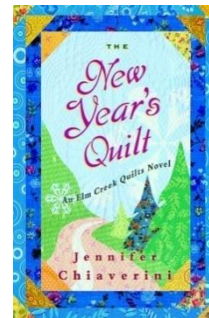
May all your seams be straight....

Carol Hicks

For the long cold winter months ahead here is a Book suggestion to begin the new year. Enjoy

Excerpt from the book....

"We can't hold on to the past," says Master



Quilter

Sylvia Compson,

"but we can keep the best part of 'Auld Lang Syne' in our hearts and in our memories, and we can look forward to the future with hope and resolve."

We had 42 ladies gather for our annual **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**. A big thank you goes out to **Wendy Jenkins** who was so kind as to organize this event. **Sheila Painter** came up with her version of gift swap that had us all intermingling with each other to find out who our match was. A good time was had by all.

Thinking About Yesterday

by Sheila Painter

From January 1994 (30 years ago!): Meeting dates were changed so members can attend the Gathering of Quilters meetings at Common Space II in Toledo, if they wish; carpools could be arranged. Kay Baglione is the new newsletter editor. Reverse applique would be taught, so necessary supplies were listed. Quilts were requested to be hung at the Parks building for their meeting. Members were invited to sew baby quilts for CRC at Woodland Mall on a Saturday. National Quilt Day t-shirts were available for purchase. Members were invited to see quilter Joan Rigal's program by Wyandot Piecemakers in Upper Sandusky, admission \$2.



2024 QUILT SHOWS

WELCOME to QuiltFest Virtual

Schoolhouse #7

Our seventh QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse will take place, **ONLINE, January 24-27, 2024.**

Mancuso Show Management is no stranger to online quilting and textile arts seminars. We've learned that many students enjoy learning new and exciting techniques from the comfort of their homes. The great strength of this platform is that both instructors and students do not have any country borders or cultural barriers to their participation from around the world. Put on the tea, get comfortable in your PJs and slippers, and join us for another in the Virtual Schoolhouse series.

Quilting a Future

Contemporary Quilts & American Tradition

This Columbus Museum of Art exhibition on display Oct. 6, 2023 through Jan. 28, 2024 showcases artists using the medium of quilting in innovative and thought-provoking ways.

www.columbusmuseum.org

Quilter's New Year Resolution

My 2024 New Year's resolution is to finish all the Quilt Projects from 2023 that I should have done in 2022 after I started them in 2021 after planning them in 2020 and buying the fabric for them in 2019 while having the pattern for them since 2018. Sunnyside Quilts.com

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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**BLACK SWAMP QUILT GUILD CALENDAR
2024 PROGRAMS**

JANUARY	VP CHALLENGE REVEAL
FEBRUARY	TBA
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
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.
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