



November 2023

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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. The December meeting is a brunch at the Bowling Green County Club.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this organization is to promote the development and appreciation of quilting in our community and to educate interested persons in all aspects of quilting.

From the Editor

I've been a member of the Black Swamp Quilters Guild for more than half my life. I was 30 when I joined, one of the youngest members at the time. 35 years later it is still a big part of my life. I have made many friends over the years through this guild, some have moved away, some have passed away, and now comes the time for me to make a big move! Tom and I have been looking to relocate in North Carolina to be closer to our grandchildren and have found a house! I have lived in Wood County my entire life, so this will be a huge change for me. While I am excited to start a new adventure, which will include FULL RETIREMENT, I am also sad to be leaving the friends I have made in this wonderful group. I have learned so much from so many of you, and enjoyed seeing the growth each of you have made within this craft.

We are moving to a smaller house, and one of my requirements was space for my long arm and all my other sewing equipment, fabric, and tools. There is a 20x12 she shed (the middle building in the photo) in the back yard that will be converted to my sewing space, and I told Tom I still needed an in the house sewing room, so I will have a bedroom for that too. He gets a nice big garage/workshop for his hobby of classic car restoration and toy car collection, so we will both be happy!



Since we still have kids and other family in NW Ohio we will be back from time to time and hope to make it back for the next quilt show and future retreats.

I will be handing off the duties of Newsletter Editor, so if you are interested please see me! See you all next week!

Happy Quilting~~Kathy Haver, Newsletter Editor

Meeting – November 9

The Electric Quilt Company will be presenting the program. Also at this meeting are the annual elections. On the ballot this year are nominees Carol Hicks for President and Jeanne Langendorfer for Member at Large. Bring your fall and Christmas quilts for show and tell.

Christmas Brunch—December 2

BSQ Christmas Brunch is Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 am. Doors open at 9:30. Optional quilting or sewing gift exchange. The cost is \$14, and you can sign up with Wendy Jenkins at the November Meeting or send a check to Wendy reserving your spot.

Retreat News

2024 Black Swamp quilt retreat cap

I would like to thank everyone who came our Black Swamp retreat this year at Howard Johnsons.

Alot of talented ladies were present and helped set up on our first day. Smiles, laughs, and new friendships have grown. Events were: Tote bag challenge, massages, scissor sharpening, two demos, bingo, dice game, garage sale, raffle ticket drawing, guessing jar and a free table of goods were available. The individual sewing table favors were plentiful & awesome. Thank you volunteers.

Next years challenge will be Dazzling Dots (featuring polka dots) anything you want to make.

Thank you to our retreat committee: Rose Ackerman, Alisha Frankfather, Renee Ball, Kathy Hassink and myself.

Have a wonderful fall- its a beauty!
Thank you,
Jacquie Sharrer - chair



Comfort Quilts from Retreat Attendees



Mother/daughter bonding

The Bag Ladies! Winners of the Bag Challenge—
Left to right: Jean Overmeyer 4th; Susan Pardon, 3rd;
Kim Fletcher, 2nd; Carleen Dodson, 1st.
Great job on these beautiful bags!



November Birthdays

Rose Marie Ackerman
Brenda Gilley
Jennifer Longenberger
Madeline Schief

Happy birthday ladies!

For actual birthdates please see the roster! Also, if you do NOT want your name listed, or just your first name listed, please let Kathy Haver know.



Vice President's Challenge

Only two more months until the VP challenge reveal! Are you done with your challenge? Have you even started it yet? This challenge is to use a ruler or tool you bought but have not used yet. Make something using this ruler/tool and then tell us what you liked about the ruler/tool, or what you didn't like. Would you recommend this or not? Keep working if you are not yet finished!

Thinking About Yesterday

Now we move on to the archives of OUR guild's newsletters. From November 1994 (29 years ago!), Kay Baglione, reporter, mailed with a 29-cent stamp: The first holiday brunch would be held in December at Founders Dining Hall at BGSU campus, no reservations necessary. Optional homemade ornament gift exchange was included. The day group would meet for lunch at Sam Bs in December, as well. The November meeting featured Joanna Sutter, teaching paper piecing. The Gathering Wall Quilt Auction at Franklin Park Mall details were included for April 1995, explaining that all quilts for sale would also be displayed at the Owens-Illinois art gallery prior to the event. Members were encouraged to sew a wall quilt to donate, with proceeds benefiting Parents Helping Parents. ~Sheila

BSQ 2023Calendar

Nov 9 Electric Quilt Company, Elections, Fall and Christmas show and tell
Dec 2 Brunch at Bowling Green Country Club, 923 Fairview Avenue
*Note September 15 is a Friday, special date for Special Speaker

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Jan 11 Vice President's Challenge Due

Quilt Shows 2023

Nov 3-4 Harvest of Quilts Show – Heart of Ohio Quilters Guild, Bryn Du Mansion, Jones Rd, Granville OH

Nov 8-11 Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse #6 Online Workshops and Lectures

Nov 9-11 Original Sewing and Quilt Expo Novi, MI

If you know of area quilt shows and events, please send info to kathaver@yahoo.com for the newsletter.

For Sale

Q Snap Floor Frame for Hand Quilting—PVC pipe frame that snaps together in a few minutes. Carry bag included. 38" x 28"; 31.5" Height \$40.00/OBO. If interested Contact Kathy Haver.



I'm de-stashing. More machine than I need. Has a zillion stitches. I only use zig zag and straight and appliqué stitch & have those on my beloved old heavy mechanical machines (kinda like a description of me 🤖) Most of what I do is on a Singer 221. This Pfaff machine works beautifully. Included are multiple feet, an acrylic extension table, knee lift, and Tutto travel & case owner's manual. Asking 1000\$ OBO. Contact Martie Berry @ 419-340-2468 or e-mail mfberry@gmail.com for more info and to see & sew with it.

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 Kathy Haver by the 25th of the month for publication. kathaver@yahoo.com

QANA SHOW 2023
Guild Survey

DID YOU:

1. attend the show? _____ YES NO
2. enter a quilt? _____ YES NO
3. Enjoy the show? _____ YES NO

Why or why not:

4. attend the demos? _____ YES NO
5. do a demo? _____ YES NO
6. buy raffle basket tickets? _____ YES NO
7. buy BGSU quilt raffle tickets? _____ YES NO
8. like the vendors? _____ YES NO

Why or why not:

9. take a class? _____ YES NO
10. like the special exhibits? _____ YES NO
11. volunteer in any way? _____ YES NO

Why or why not:

The committee would like to Thank everyone who volunteered or participated in any way to help make the show successful. Putting on a show requires a lot of hard work and dedication and could NOT be done without the volunteers. Now for the hard questions.

As guild members do you want to continue having future shows? YES NO

Do you want to keep it a small community show or grow it into something larger?

What is your vision for future shows?

What suggestions do you have to improve future shows:

What speakers would you like to see?

What would you like to see in future shows?

Would you be willing to pay \$10.00 for admission?

Is there anything that should be omitted or avoided?

What vendors would you like to have?

What ideas do you have for getting sponsors?

What ideas do you have to raise money?

What classes would you be interested in taking?

What would you be willing to volunteer to do in future shows?

Please copy and add any comments you like, (pro & con). And bring it to the Nov. guild meeting and give it to Ellie Grabarczyk. Please add any comments you would like, (pro or con). Results of survey will be given at the January meeting. Thank you for your participation and your input. Ellie