



August 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 President

September already feels so busy this year. Getting quilts ready to submit to our show, picking fabrics for our Redneck Quilter workshop, figuring out when my watermelons are ripe, putting off picking pumpkins until at least Labor Day, plus work and finding a new babysitter (yes, again), and my mental load is heavy.

Sometimes, I need a little quiet, a little space, a little moment to breathe. I go to my garden, the bathroom, maybe the laundry room. Occasionally, no one finds me for 10 minutes; usually, I get about two minutes to myself. I'm trying to enjoy every moment, but frankly, some moments are harder than others. The years are short, but the days are long. Which is kind of a metaphor for my quilting lately. The patterns seem short, but the projects are very long term!

It's not too early to write my plans for retreat, right? Is it too early to start packing if I know I'm not going to have time to quilt between now and then? I'm going to need a few of you to start practicing staying up all night. I just need three people to hang out with while I burn the midnight oil, just like I was in my 20s again! Each can take one night, so it's not so bad trying to catch up on sleep when you get home. C'mon, you can do it!

Off to pretend I'm organized,
Denise

Meeting – September 15 * Note special Friday Date

Brian McCoy, the Redneck Quilter will be the special speaker with a trunk show at The Simpson Building on Friday Evening, September 15. There will be NO MEETING on Thursday, Sept 14. There will be a very brief business meeting to give final show information.

For those signed up for the Storm at Sea class on Saturday, Sept 16, please remember this is at the BG Holiday Inn.

BSQ Workday – September 30

Join the fun at the next Black Swamp Quilters workday, Saturday, September 30, at the BG Community Center on Newton Road. Hours are 10-4. There will be fabric available for comfort quilts, or you can bring your own project to work on. Come for the entire day or just part of the day. Bring a sack lunch or there are nearby fast-food restaurants you can pick something up.

Surprise Challenge

President Denise has challenged us again! Start with Two Scraps 6x9...

At the August meeting, one of our members brought in a heap of scraps that were cut into 6" x 9" pieces for masks in the early days of Covid19. Eventually, the people at a local shop stopped making masks, but the cut-up fabric was left in a stack at Grounds for Thought. Laura Wicks asked Sara DeCola if she would like them. Sara put them on a table, attendees took what they wanted, and the table was empty next time I looked. This may be in part because I said I would toss anything that was left in the trash!

Here is the spur of the moment challenge: start with 2 pieces of fabric 6" x 9". Add as few or as many more fabrics as you like, no size minimum or maximum, bring it to the November meeting. Missed the meeting and the fabric giveaway? Grab two "interesting" fabrics that each measure 6" x 9" and have fun! ~ Denise

Thinking About Yesterday

Thinking About Yesterday, part 2

More from 1980 Quilt World mag: Articles on Hawaiian quilts (no change from today!), Q & A's on types of batting (cotton and polyester only), quilt marking and thread, and a look back to quilting parties in the old days. Listings of quilt shows around the country showed nothing near us. Flower block contest finalists were shown, with pattern given...quite crude by today's standards. There was a cartoon of two women at a quilt show, in front of a quilt with simple stick figure people. One says to the other, "Of course, this is one of my very earliest!" The Patchwork Revisited column suggested an amazing, streamlined way to cut patches by sewing together strips sets instead of individual squares! ~Sheila

*September Birthdays***

Kim Armstrong-Brooks
Carol Harper
Sandy lepper
Dedi Spoores
Vicky Wohn

Joan Bierly
Barb L
Sheila Painter
Rebecca Stayer



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

In January, Vice President Alisha Frankfather challenged us to get out that ruler or gadget we bought and never used! I hope you have all accepted this challenge and are working on something you must have wanted to try at one time but never got around to doing. These are due at our January 11 meeting. Also, you will need to let us know if you liked the ruler or gadget, or not, and if it was useful. Think about sharing what you learned in a future program to present at a meeting.

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

Quilt Shows 2023

- Apr-Oct History in Pieces Historic Quilt Exhibit at Zoar Historic Village, Zoar OH
zoarinfo@historiczooarvillage.com
- May 27-Sep 11 Quilt National '23 at the Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens OH
- Sept 15-17 Lorain County Piecemakers Quilt Show, New Russia Township Lodge, Oberlin, OH
- Sept 20-23 BSQ Quilts and Needle Arts Festival
- Sept 29-30 Harvest of Quilts 40th Annual Quilt Show 1400 E Main St, Greenville OH
- Oct 7-8 Welcome Home to Quilting Quilt Show at Lake Co Fairgrounds, Crown point, IN
- Oct 21-22 North Coast Needlers "Autumn Splendor" Quilt Show 21016 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River OH
- Oct 20-21 Quilters Block Party Quilt Show 69941 Elkhart Rd, Edwardsburg, MI
- Nov 3-4 Harvest of Quilts Show – Heart of Ohio Quilters Guild, Bryn Du Mansion, Jones Rd, Granville OH

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

BSQ 2023Calendar

Sep 15*	Brian McCoy, the Redneck Quilter Trunk show and Lecture
Sept 16	Sew Along "storm at Sea" with Brian McCoy, the Redneck Quilter
Sep 20-23	BSQ Quilts and Needle Arts Festival
Sep 30	Workday at Community Center Hours 10-4
Oct 12	Perfectly Pink Quilt Studio
Oct 19-22	BSQ Retreat "We Got It in the Bag"
Nov 9	Electric Quilt Company and President's 6x9 Challenge Due
Dec	Brunch - Date TBA
*Note September 15 is a Friday, special date for Special Speaker	
<u>2024</u>	
Jan 11	Vice President's Challenge Due

BSQ 4 Corners 8/10/2023 Links

Appearing Stars—Janette Willman This block is a "disappearing" hourglass block cut up and re-arranged.

Links: www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqbhoA8p1QQ (TeresaDownunder.com)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXggafOP230&t=10s (Missouri Star)

No Piece Drunkards Path—Deborah Tell This Drunkard's Path uses bias strips instead of piecing!

Link: <https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/video/no-piece-drunkards-path-block-003698/>
(NationalQuiltersCircle.com)

Easy Clamshell—Carol Hicks This clamshell block is pieced using the Drunkard's Path block.

Link: https://www.missouriquiltco.com/pages/easy-clamshell-quilt-tutorial?slv_rt=v1%7E1h6h6fdgb%7Ee5a5d7e1-8104-4dfc-afab-ce5ea14da7be%7Ef725bfec-c2ef-4163-9832-a056d5bd8da3%7Ej0m64e (Missouri Star)

Quilt as you Go Clamshell—Kathy Haver This clamshell quilt is super easy and finished in no time!

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6iHmgf-miU&t=730s> (SewVeryEasy)