



December 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

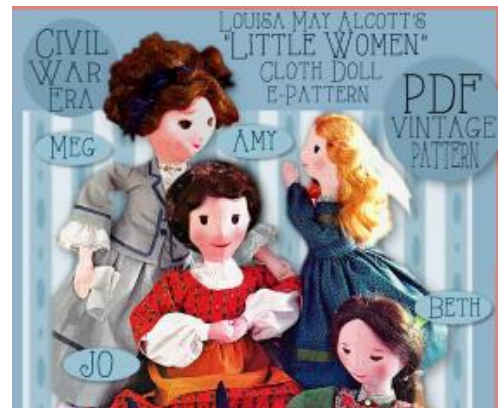
Happy Holidays! Once again I find it hard to believe another year is almost gone and Christmas is here! I hope you all have time to finish any quilty gifts you plan on giving this holiday.

I think I take after my dad just a bit as I am a little “Bah, Humbug” when it comes to gift-giving. He never cared much for the hoopla associated with Christmas and mom even made him a “Bah, Humbug” shirt that came out every year. I’ve been at the point in my life where I don’t want any more “stuff”, and my kids know that all I want is to see them, and if they feel they have to give me a gift then I want them to make a donation to an animal shelter in my name!

I have many Christmas memories, and many involve my mother. When we were still little, she found a pattern for “Little Women” dolls in the November 1963 issue of *Women's Day* magazine. If you know the *Little Women* story, then you know there were 4 sisters. My mother had little 4 girls, and *Little Women* was a favorite book when she was young, so she just had to make these dolls for her little women. Of course, if you knew my mother



then you know she put the pattern away and did not make the dolls at that time. Fast forward 20+ years, in November, 1984, she came across the pattern in her sewing room and decided it was time to make the dolls. She



worked on the dolls and decided that she needed to give us all the book to go along with the dolls. She wanted vintage books, so she scoured resale book shops and by Christmas she had found 3 books. She also got only 3 dolls done, but my sister, Mary, was in China

for a year, set to return in July 1985, so mom really only needed 3 for that Christmas. Betty, Connie, and I all got our dolls and our books. Mary got hers the following Christmas. My sister Betty passed away in 1996 and mom must have gotten that doll back because I found it in mom's house when we were cleaning it out. I think I will give it to Betty's daughter-in-law to keep for her 2 girls when they are old enough. I think I need to also find an old copy of the book to go along with it! I still have mine, and here I am pictured with my doll, Jo, the second March daughter. These are the memories that make holidays special. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, or whatever holiday it is you celebrate, and hope you have a chance to make lasting good memories.



Here are my sister, Betty, with Meg, the oldest March sister, and my sister Connie, with the third March sister, Beth. This is very ironic, as Connie and I were going through mom's old photo albums today and I found these photos! I did not find a photo of Mary with hers (Amy, the youngest sister).



Peace, Happy New Year, and Happy Quilting~Kathy Haver, Newsletter Editor

Meeting – No Meeting -- In lieu if a meeting see Christmas Brunch below!

Christmas Brunch—December 2

BSQ Christmas Brunch is Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 am. Bowling Green Country Club, 923 Fairview Ave, BG, OH. Doors open at 9:30. There will be an optional \$15 quilting or sewing gift exchange. Hopefully, you have already signed up with Wendy Jenkins!



December Birthdays

*Carol Ballard
Ellie Grabarczyk
Kathy Haver
Nancy Radabaugh
Bonnie Slaughterbeck
Diane Warren*



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

One more month until the Vice President's Challenge is due! Be prepared to bring your ruler or special tool that helped you create your quilt and share whether you liked it or not. Also consider a demo on how to use it for a future program.

Thinking About Yesterday

From Dec 1992 BSQG newsletter: 23 members and one guest attended the Nov meeting. Dec meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on S. Church St; bring a handmade Christmas ornament. Consult your newsletter label to see if your dues are due, \$1 per month. Slate of officers announced: Margaret Edwards Prez, Luanne Welch VP, Dorothy Kline Sec, Jane Gerken Treas. If you took pix at our group quilting at Grand Rapids, Anne Donald would like copies for our scrapbook. ~Sheila

I love this look back into the history of our guild! Wow, only 23 members at the meeting. And the slate of officers—most of you probably don't even recognize the names! Thank you, Sheila, for doing this article. ~Kathy

Wanted! Newsletter Editor

I took over editing our guild newsletter in January 2022, so I have been doing it for 2 years. I've really enjoyed this more than I thought I would, but I need to find someone new to take over. Past newsletters have had messages from either the president, vice-president, newsletter editor, or some combination of the three! This changes with each new president and vice-president (program chair). Basic need-to-know information, birthdays, a list of upcoming meetings/programs, quilt shows, etc. is what you will be reporting on. If you are interested, please contact me and I can send you the template I use. ~ Kathy Haver

Quilt Shows 2024

Mar 22-23 Quilt Spectacular 2024 – Festival of Quilts Edwards Bldg., Franklin Co Fairgrounds, Hilliard OH
www.cmquilters.org
Apr 18-20 Original Sewing and Quilt Show International Exposition Center, Cleveland OH

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

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

BSQ 2023-2024Calendar

2023

Dec 2 Brunch at Bowling Green Country Club, 923 Fairview Avenue

2024

Jan 11 Vice President's Challenge Due

Feb 8 TBA

Mar 14 TBA

Apr 11 Challenge Reveal and Birthday Party

May 9 TBA

Jun 13 TBA

Jul 11 TBA

Aug 8 TBA

Sep 12 TBA

Oct 10 TBA

Nov 14 TBA

*Dec? Brunch

*Saturday date TBA

Photos from 2022 Brunch:

