



MARCH 2024



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Meeting dates for 2024

Mar 14 Apr 11 May 9 Jun 13

Jul 11 Aug 8 Sep 12 Oct 10 Nov 14

Meeting for March 14, 2024

Dues will be continued to be collected.

From the President

When is your quilt finished? I often catch myself saying "It's done!" when the last border is attached to the top. Well of course the quilt isn't done. Only the top.

There are many more steps. There is making or cutting the backing and batting, then having it quilted. Then of course the binding. (a step I often delay) And don't forget the label!

Is it done now? I say no. I try to inspect the quilt carefully on both the top and the bottom. I look for threads that are sticking to the surface and for seams that may have started to open up. Are there blocks out of place? (of course, it is too late to change that now). Is the binding satisfactory? Is there any dirt or stains to be removed?

I don't hear most quilters talking about this final step in quilt, making. I think it is important and I try to do it with each quilt. Of course, if I am meeting a deadline, this step might get skipped.

And don't forget to take a photo of your masterpiece! This is so important. Now it is DONE!

Happy stitching,
Carol Hicks
President

2024 BSQG QUILT CHALLENGES

NAME THAT QUILT IN SO MANY NOTES

DUE APRIL

CINDY HUFFMAN'S ACCUQUILT BLOCKS OF THE MONTH CHALLENGE

PRESIDENTS MYSTERY CHALLENGE

WILL BEGIN AFTER APRIL

VICE PRESIDENTS HALF SQUARE CHALLENGE

DUE JANUARY 2025



National Quilting Day was first celebrated in 1991 after members of the National Quilting Association who were attending the 22nd Annual Show in Lincoln, Nebraska, voted in favor of a motion to begin celebrating the holiday. Although the NQA initially designated the third Saturday in March as National Quilting Day, the celebration has unofficially grown to encompass the entire month of March in recent years.

On National Quilting Day, quilts are hung outside the homes to educate and inspire people to join in celebrating this ancient creative skill and as a sign that you recognize this event and that you are observing it.

Thinking About Yesterday by Sheila Painter

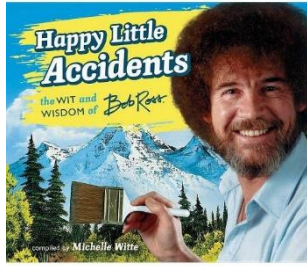
From March 2016 (8 years ago) meeting notes: We held our potluck, garage sale (before it was called Mall in the Hall!) and a program on UFOs. We discussed Collecting vs Hoarding, Diana discussed Special Speaker plans, and Connie talked about Art Walk. Work Day was coming up at Anita's house, and it was presented we may need to purchase a Dishonesty Bond. We learned that \$1 in electricity equaled 91 hours of sewing on a machine, and mini groups were detailed in the newsletter. ~Sheila



- JUDY GEORGE**
- LOUISE KIMPEL**
- LISA KUMFER**
- JENNY MORLOCK**
- RUTH STECHSCHULTE**
- BRENDA TRUMBULL**
- RITA TRUMBULL**

BLACK SWAMP QUILT GUILD CALENDAR **2024 PROGRAMS**

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| 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 |



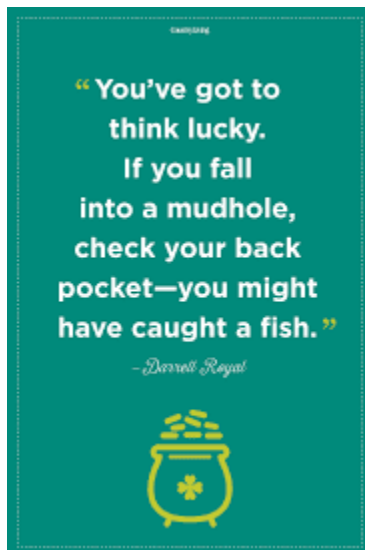
Some quotes from the book **Happy Little Accidents: the Wit and Wisdom of Bob Ross**, compiled by Michelle Witte, are appropriate for quilters as well as painters:

"Put light against light--you have nothing. Put dark against dark--you have nothing. It's the contrast of light and dark that each gives the other one meaning."

"In life you need colors."

"You can create beautiful things. but you have to see them in your mind first."

"You'll never believe what you can do until you get in there and try it."



Recycling update from Sheila Painter

My plastic yarn friend recently picked up a huge bunch of colored plastic bags and she's thrilled! She cuts them in strips and crochets them into tote bags! Also, I dropped off two big bags of empty thread spools at a day care center, & the staff are so happy to use them in craft projects with the children! Keep them coming. Any colored plastic bags, (not the stiff crunchy ones) and any empty spools, whether wood, plastic, cardboard, cone, large or small. Bring to any meeting! Thanks.

Spring Workday info from Cindy Huffman

Our Spring workday will be Saturday, March 16th from 10:00--4:00 at the Bowling Green Community Center. Come join us for a mini retreat! Bring your machine, and whatever project you wish. Coffee/tea and snacks will be provided. You can bring your own lunch, or we will order from Pisanello's Pizza. Guild batting for donation quilts will be available. The Accuquilt cutter will be there if you would like to work on the Block of the month. Don't forget an extension cord for your machine!

The annual shuttle for the 2024 Sauder's Quilt Show will be available again this year. Contact **Diana Trost** at 419-205-1367 or **Gretchen Schultz** at 419-340-1746. The charge is \$3 per quilt as in the past. Quilts must be registered with Sauder's quilt show. Follow their guidelines. Quilts can be delivered to Diana or Gretchen at the Black Swamp Guild meeting in April or arrangements can be made with either for another time.

Thanks,
Gretchen

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