

# BLOOMINGTON QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Bloomington Quilters Guild

PO Box 5802

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September 2016

## Welcome to the 2016-2017 Bloomington Quilters Guild!

By Kathy Sheehan, BQG President



It is my pleasure to welcome you to a new year of guild events, beginning September 6 with the fall kick-off meeting.

The volunteer

board members and committee chairs have been working hard, and we have exciting plans ahead for the 2016-2017 guild year, featuring nationally known speakers, workshops, a bus trip, retreats, and more! These activities are wonderful ways to stimulate your quilting creativity, challenge yourself with new techniques, indulge your passion for quilting, and make new friendships. I hope you will be able to join us!

This summer was a busy one for me, but I managed to make time for quilts. I had the pleasure of attending a retreat with friends at the Nine Quarter Circle Ranch, a dude ranch in the Taylor Fork in Montana, where we quilted together in a 100-year-old log lodge, ate home-cooked meals, shared stories, stayed warm in front of a blazing fire in the fireplace, and made lasting memories as well as quilts.

As you can see, my project isn't quite completed. I continue working on the Montana star along with at least three other projects that are spread out in the nooks and cran-

nies of my attic sewing room. Completion (of something!) is my goal. I hope as the summer wanes and "good quilting weather" begins, I will have more time to retreat upstairs for quality time with my fabrics and sewing machine. I know I will be rewarded for my efforts.



I am looking forward to seeing your summer quilt projects at our guild meeting in September!

Happy Quilting!

*Kathy*

The Bloomington Quilters Guild is a 501(c)3 organization. The purpose of the BQG is to develop an appreciation of the history of quilting and quilters and promote continuation of the art in our community.

We welcome guests to our meetings! Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at the North Central Church of Christ, 2121 N. Dunn St.

6:00 pm: Doors open

6:30 pm: Show and tell

7:00 pm: Program

**Next Meeting: September 6**

Sunshine (Beth Gerth)

## Here Comes the Sun!



Sunshine Committee co-chairs Bobbie Mentzel (l) and Beth Gerth (r).

Hello! Bobbie Mentzel and I are the co-chairs of the new Sunshine Committee. Every month we will welcome new members with a special gift from the guild and celebrate birthdays. We will be mailing get-well cards, sympathy cards, and congratulation cards to new mothers.

Please call or email us with news of our members so we can send them cards. If you would like to donate cards, we will be happy to accept them at the meetings.

Beth Gerth  
812-272-2245

Bobbie Mentzel  
219-928-8823

**Programs (Lisa Dodson)****Announcing Programs in Sept. Meeting**

The BQG September meeting is the time we get together after summer break to see the guild programs and workshops for the 2016–2017 year. The agenda is typically very full. In place of a long program, I will be presenting a quick demonstration on how to add an additional border onto an already quilted quilt. This is a very handy tip for those who quilt on a small machine and it adds an interesting detail to the back of the quilt.

It is always a challenge to find programs that have wide appeal to the majority of our members with various quilting passions. We have planned a variety of programs and workshops to entertain, challenge, and inspire. If you cannot attend the September meeting, the upcoming programs will be in the October newsletter. Please feel free to give ideas and feedback to me (765-813-0311) or program chair-elect Laura Brown-Cano (812-360-6206).

**Museums/Shows (Pat Surra)****Currently Playing****Art Quilts of the Midwest**

The National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky, is featuring a display of the work of quilt and fiber artists who are challenging the traditional perceptions of quilting. The exhibit will be on display through October 11, 2016.

**Brown County Quilt Show**

The Brown County Historical Society is holding its annual quilt show presented by Pioneer Women, Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18. Show times are 10 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday. The show is being held at the Brown County History Center, 90 Gould St., Nashville, Indiana.

If you'd like to submit a quilt to the show, the submission deadline is September 2, 2016. For more information go to the [Brown County History Center](#) website or call 812-988-7106.

**Member News****Upcoming Events****Winter Retreat**

Many of us start dreaming about the January retreat at Spring Mill State Park months before it happens. So start dreaming and planning! The dates for 2017 are January 19–22. This year's co-chairs are Nola Hartman (812-360-6972) and Martha Nord (812-339-7403). Sign-ups will start in October.

**2017 BQG Quilt Show**

It's hard to believe that our quilt show "Quilts from the Heartland" is only 15 months away. It will be here before we know it. While we can't reserve the date yet, we anticipate it will be the first or second weekend in November.

This is the time to start thinking of craft items that you can make or items that you'd like to donate to the Treasure Shop. If you have any ideas for some craft items that you'd like to share with the guild, please let us know. If you're cleaning out your sewing room and come

across any fabric, books, quilt patterns, or notions for which you no longer have a use, please set them aside for the Treasure Shop. The Treasure Shop is the major source of income for the show.

If you'd like to be a part of the planning and operations for this fabulous, fun event, please contact us. We need lots of volunteers to make this quilt show a success. We will be putting together a list of the various positions in the near future. Please be thinking of how you might be able to help make this another terrific community event.

Thank you!

Pat Surra  
916-768-3492  
Kathy Kessler  
812-322-4934

**Raffle Quilt (Becky Wilson)****Unveiling!**

The unveiling of our 2016–2017 raffle quilt will take place at our first meeting on September 6. I've had a peek and it is another beautiful quilt! This year I will be handing out raffle tickets at the check-in table.

Remember that the funds raised by the sale of these tickets help make it possible for all of us to enjoy our speakers at each meeting. You can purchase the tickets for yourself, or for others, or sell them to friends, neighbors, relatives, or co-workers. The price of tickets remains the same: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A package of 24 will only cost \$20. Thank you in advance for participating in this fundraising event.

**Membership (Janice Arvesen)****Welcome to New and Returning Members!**

Now's the time to either begin your membership in the Bloomington Quilters Guild or renew. Membership dues are \$20.00 per year, and our year runs from September through August. You can pay your dues in several ways, outlined in the

form below. Registering online is encouraged. If you register at the September meeting with cash, please be patient while we process your dues so that we have an accurate record that you have paid.

If you are a new member, please

completely fill in the form. However, you do not need a registration form if you are renewing and your information has not changed. If you have already paid your dues, you can pick up your membership card at the registration table. Thanks!

## Bloomington Quilters Guild 2016–2017 Membership Form

**Dues: \$20.00 per year**

Registration accepted by:

- Mailing registration form and check made payable to Bloomington Quilters Guild.  
Bloomington Quilters Guild  
PO Box 5802  
Bloomington, IN 47407
- Registering at a monthly Guild meeting with the registration form and a check made payable to Bloomington Quilters Guild, or cash, or credit card.
- Registering online at [www.bloomingtonquiltersguild.org](http://www.bloomingtonquiltersguild.org) with payment made through PayPal or credit card.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Returning member \_\_\_\_\_ New member

Do you **need** to receive the newsletter by U.S. mail? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*This option reserved only for those members without access to e-mail.)*

**To participate in guild retreats you must be a paid member.**

**Permission:**

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Information on this form may be shared on the guild membership list.

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Pictures showing my involvement in guild activities may be used in the guild newsletter, website, and media.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Membership information is for guild business only. Information will not be shared or sold.*

check # \_\_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ processed by \_\_\_\_\_

*Profiles (Ann Birch)***RJ, the Wilkinson Sisters, and the Indiana Quilt Registry Project**

*RJ Trubitt and her grandmother's quilt from the Wilkinson Art Quilt Company.*

Many of you have met RJ Trubitt. She has been quilting for over 40 years and is a long-time member of the Bloomington Quilters Guild. In the past, she has taught quilting, and she still offers quilt repair for old quilts, but her primary focus these days is on art quilts. She belongs to Art Quilters of Bloomington, a group of quilters that meets every month to critique their current work. RJ truly enjoys the friendship and inspiration that come from this group.

So, what does RJ have to do with the Wilkinson sisters and the Indiana Quilt Registry Project? Well, the story is a bit convoluted, and telling it requires some history at each stage. RJ's grandmother, Rose Baum (1871-1951), was a member of the thriving Jewish community in Fort Wayne. She had a friend in a similar community in Ligonier, about 40 miles northwest of Fort Wayne. With Jews making up a sixth of its population in 1900, Ligonier was dubbed "Little Jerusalem." It is through this friend that Rose learned of the Wilkinson Art Quilt Company and bought a beautiful pink sateen quilt.

The founder of the company, Iona Wilkinson, was a quilter of some note with her local church's Ladies' Aid Society. In 1908, a prominent Jewish matron asked "Ona" to make two quilts for her daughter's trousseau. This prompted other members of the Jewish community to purchase finished quilts and encourage Ona to organize a business. In 1914, the Wilkinson Art Quilt Company was incorporated.

The company's whole-cloth quilts were made of high-quality fabrics, typically sa- teen and satin. A customer could order a quilt to their specifications of quilt design, fabric, color, and batting. The quilts were reversible, and the customer could choose to have the same fabric on both sides or different fabrics. At one time, the company had eight quilt frames in operation with up to 50 quilters. It is estimated that Ona and her sister Rosalie developed 50 original whole cloth patterns, with the company producing about 10,000 finished quilts and other items. The company was in operation until 1943, when wartime constraints made both fabric and customers hard to come by.

Jumping ahead to 1986, RJ inherited her grandmother's quilt, and the Indiana Quilt Registry Project was initiated. The IQRP hosted nineteen registry days between April 1987 and April 1989 at several sites in Indiana. RJ was among the volunteers who photographed the quilts, took careful measurements, and recorded any available history. There are now over 8400 quilt records housed at the Indiana State Museum, and RJ's grandmother's quilt (BL-026) from the Wilkinson Art Quilt Company is one of them.



*The exquisite handquilting on the pink sateen quilt Rose Baum ordered from the Wilkinsons. RJ believes the pattern to be Scroll Medallion. The quilting is especially amazing considering how heavy and thick the batting is.*

**SOURCES**

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**Bloomington Quilters Guild  
Fall Retreat Registration Form  
Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, Indiana  
Thursday–Sunday, October 20–23, 2016**

Summer is winding down. It is time to sign up for our wonderful Clifty Falls Retreat in Madison, Indiana, Thursday, October 20 through Sunday, October 23, 2016. Come join this annual event where we gather with friends, new and old, in this beautiful state park on the Ohio River. The scenery, waterfalls, autumn leaves, and company can't be beat. And inside, you will be able to share all the creations that are underway. And... there are plenty of people to ask for help and advice on projects when it is needed. This group is very sharing!

Our best pricing this year includes six meals, Friday night through Sunday noon. Please see the registration form for more details. You can sign up on our website, by mail, or at the September meeting. Don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions. Contact information is at the bottom of the registration form.

We hope to see you at Clifty!

**REGISTRATION:** Registration for the 2016 fall retreat will be accepted at the regularly scheduled guild meetings, by mail, or through the guild website. Except for website registration, this form should be submitted with your payment. The address for the guild is PO Box 5802, Bloomington IN 47407. The website address for registration is <http://bloomingtonquiltersguild.org/index.php/calendar/event-registration>. Please let us know if special handling is required of any checks.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Current membership for the 2016-2017 year in the BQG is required to be eligible to attend guild retreats. Registration is now open online and will be available at the September guild meeting. Dues for the 2016–17 year will be due after September 1, 2016.

**COST:** Friday through Sunday: Single room \$360. Double room \$190 each. Triple room \$130 each. Meals are included. There is a \$7 per car gate fee upon entrance to the park for Indiana residents and \$9 for other states. After check-in, your room key will get you back in the park without additional charge. Your key should be shown for your meals at the inn restaurant.

**EARLY ARRIVALS:** Thursday night, October 20, accommodations are available. The cost of rooms for Thursday night for each person is: \$130 for single, \$80 for double, and \$60 for triple. Meals at the inn are included. Each room has a microwave, refrigerator, and coffee pot.

The sewing room is ours from Thursday at 8:00 am through 5:00 pm on Sunday. You will be notified if there are any changes to this timeline. Check-in at the Clifty Inn is 3:00 pm on the day of arrival. Check out is noon on Sunday.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Room request:    Single \_\_\_\_ (\$360)    Double \_\_\_\_ (\$190)    Triple \_\_\_\_ (\$130) each person

Thursday arrival?    Single \_\_\_\_ (\$130)    Double \_\_\_\_ (\$80)    Triple \_\_\_\_ (\$60) additional for each person

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need special provisions? (please list below)

Will you be bringing an ironing board to share? \_\_\_\_\_ Ruler? \_\_\_\_\_

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**IHQs (Susie Colston)****Time to Start Planning for IHQS**

As you are thinking about quilting over the next six months, I'm hoping to entice you to think about entering a quilt for the Indiana Heritage Quilt Show, March 2-4, 2017.

We had so much fun seeing the creativity that came from the Silver Challenge category that we decided to create an entirely new category: Challenge Quilts. Each year there will be a different challenge for this category. The challenge for 2017 is to create a quilt using only three colors. You can use a variety of fabrics and shades of the same color, but, whatever you use, your fabrics must "read" as one of the three colors (see specifics below).

You will also notice the absence of Small Scale Quilts and Block of the Month. In place of those two categories, we have split the Pieced Quilts category into two separate categories—Large and Small (see specifics below).

All the other categories will stay

the same: Appliqué, Art/Innovation, Modern, Quilt Among Friends, and Young Quiltmaker. Please check the [IHQS website](#) in September for the specific information you will need to enter a quilt in 2017.

We hope that you will consider entering a quilt for the 2017 show—we can't wait to see it! This is an opportunity for you to share your love of quilting with everyone who comes to the show. Through your beautiful entries and your generous volunteering you all help each year to make our show a treasure.

Susan Colston  
812-334-0179

Kathy Sheehan  
720-284-1757

**Challenge Quilts: Three Colors**

Entries must be made of only three colors. There can be a variety of shades of the same color. Prints used for the three colors must "read" as one of the three chosen

colors and be predominantly one of the colors. Quilts submitted can range from traditional to modern and may be pieced, appliquéd, or a combination. They may also include fabric art and embellishments. The size should be relatively small, total in inches of all the sides should measure 200 inches or less and no side longer than 50 inches.

**Pieced Quilts: Large**

Piecing predominates over all other techniques in amount and effect. Total measurement in inches of all the outside edges should measure 240 inches or more with no more than 108 inches on the hanging side.

**Pieced Quilts: Small**

Piecing predominates over all other techniques in amount and effect. Total measurement in inches of all the outside edges should measure less than 240 inches with no more than 108 inches on the hanging side.

**Opportunities (Ann Birch)****Time Running Out to Apply for Grants**

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced earlier that it is accepting applications for the Arts in the Parks and Historic Sites grant program.

According to the IAC director, "This program provides funding for Indiana arts organizations, non-arts organizations, and Hoosier individual artists to bring arts programs, services and artist-in-residence experiences to participating state parks, forests, and historic sites promoting public engagement in the arts while experiencing the natural beauty and history of Indiana.

Interested organizations and indi-

vidual artists are encouraged to carefully review the program guidelines before completing the online application. The program description, links to the guidelines, and registration for program webinars can be found at [www.in.gov/arts/2910.htm](http://www.in.gov/arts/2910.htm). Applications for the program will only be accepted through the Arts Commission's online grant application system <http://www.in.gov/arts/onlineapplications&reports.htm>.

Deadline for application is September 6, 2016, for organizations and September 13, 2016, for artists.

**Member News (Ann Birch)****Volunteer of the Year**

Claudette Stultz (left), the 2015 Volunteer of the year, had the pleasure of crowning this year's awardee, Susan Goodman. Congratulations, Susan!

## BQG 2016-2017 Executive Board

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Raffle tickets for this beautiful quilt were sold throughout 2015–2016, bringing in \$1,958 in support of guild activities. The quilt was pieced and quilted by Maryam Othman (far right), Kathy Kessler (left), and Bev Lingvia. Janice Arvesen (next to Maryam) won the raffle in June and happily took home a real treasure!



**Ann Birch**

## Calendar

### Events

Brown County Quilt Show, Sept. 16–18  
Fall Quilt Retreat, Sept 20–23

### September Guild Meeting

Doors open at 6:00 pm for the guild meeting on September 6 at North Central Church of Christ.

### September Board Meeting

The board meeting will be at 6:00 pm on September 13. Contact a board member for more details.

### October Newsletter

Articles for the October newsletter are due September 17 to Ann Birch, [news@bloomingtonquiltersguild.org](mailto:news@bloomingtonquiltersguild.org), 989-430-4075.

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<http://www.bloomingtonquiltersguild.org/>

### Check out our Facebook page:

Search for “Bloomington Quilters Guild.”

### From your editor:

Please let me know if you have photos, ideas for articles, or member news related to quilting. Did you win a ribbon at a quilt show? Do you have a quilting story? Give me a call or email me, and I'll be happy to talk to you about incorporating it into the newsletter.

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