

BLOOMINGTON QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

[Bloomington Quilters Guild](#)

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November 2016

November Greetings!

By Kathy Sheehan, BQG President



This is the season to reflect upon the many good fortunes in our lives beyond the traditional Thanksgiving plate of turkey and all the trimmings. In this often crazy, mixed-up world we live in, sometimes we need to stop and remind ourselves of the things that are most meaningful and enduring. These things are wonderfully different for all of us, and the obvious ones include love of our family and friends, good health, plenty of food to eat, and a safe home. There are also the tiny treasures, the little moments throughout the day that make us smile.

I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to the many volunteers who keep the Bloomington Quilters Guild running smoothly. I am very fortunate to work with such dedicated ladies who tirelessly toil behind the scenes to serve our guild. Many hours of personal time go into:

- managing the meetings
- up the sound system and chairs
- arranging for our wonderful programs
- hosting visiting speakers
- setting up workshops
- managing the website
- providing the email membership list
- assembling the newsletter

- managing the budget
- organizing the fall and winter quilt retreats
- arranging bus trips
- distributing community quilts
- organizing the raffle quilt
- keeping our records, tax forms, bank accounts, and mailbox
- organizing a quilt show
- spreading a little sunshine



We are not always perfect, and we can't please everyone all the time, but we try our best. If you have a chance, please give our volunteers a big thank you for their efforts. They deserve it.

Kathy

Pat Surra and Kathy Kessler

Heartland Show



We are happy to announce that we have filled all of the positions for our November 2017 Quilts From the Heartland

Quilt Show. We will meet with the Convention Center in early November to reserve the dates for the show. We have a lot of very talented members in our Guild, and this is the time when we can show off our quilting to the rest of Indiana.

We are always amazed at the crafty items that members have made and donated to the Treasure Shop. If you're cleaning out your sewing room and come across any fabric, books, or quilt patterns for which you no longer have a use, please set them aside for the Treasure Shop. As you know, the Treasure Shop is the major source of income for the show.

We are looking forward to working with everyone to make this another successful quilt show.

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: November 1

Programs (Lisa Dodson)**November Meeting To Feature Wool Appliqué**

Ellen Smanko Murphy will be presenting the “Wonderful World of Wool Appliqué” at the meeting on November 1, followed by an ornament/pincushion workshop on November 2. Ellen says she was born with a



crayon in her hand and has loved art and design her entire life. She has been quilting since she was a teenager and has a degree in fine art. Working as a graphic designer and a quilting/craft instructor has taught her to create patterns that are easy to understand. As the owner of a craft pattern design company, [American Homestead](#), she brings inspiration from her love of travel

and her journeys around the world. Ellen will have a pop-up store available at the meeting and workshop offering her books, patterns, and supplies. Please come prepared with cash or check if you wish to make a purchase. There are still a few openings available for the workshop. Contact Lisa Dodson if you are interested.

Spring Mill Retreat (Martha Nord and Nola Hartman)**Sign-up for Winter Retreat Begins November 1**

We are looking forward to another wonderful retreat at Spring Mill State Park: our 25th! If you are new to the guild or have never come to a retreat, think about joining us for a wonderful weekend of sewing and camaraderie. Talk to Martha or Nola if you have questions. Participation is limited to the first lucky 90 registrants!

You'll find information about this year's event below. A registration form on page 3 includes contact information.

REGISTRATION: Deadline to register: December 15. You may choose from three ways to register:

- **In Person:** Beginning at 6:15 pm before the BQG meetings on November 1 and December 6, 2016.
- **Online:** Online registration will be available beginning Novem-

ber 2, 2016, through our BQG [website](#).

- **By Mail:** Send a completed registration form and check to BQG, PO Box 5802, Bloomington, IN 47407-5802.

ATTENDANCE: Participants must be a current member of BQG at the time of retreat registration. *Checks for membership must be written separately and paid to the membership committee prior to registration.*

PAYMENT: Cash (exact amount please!), check, or money order made payable to the Bloomington Quilters Guild. Credit card option is available upon request. Online registrants may use PayPal. All checks will be deposited in a timely fashion.

	Thurs - Sun	Fri - Sun
Single	\$460	\$325
Double	\$295	\$210
Triple	\$240	\$170

Costs shown (per person) include hotel room, meals, gratuities, sewing rooms and set-up fees, use of pool, lounges, trails, etc. Thursday arrival includes dinner on Thursday, three meals each for Friday and Saturday, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Friday arrival meals begin at evening meal and include three on

Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Note: If you come on Thursday there will not be a gate fee, but after Thursday, entry will cost \$5.00 per vehicle. Your room key will allow admittance back into the park after you've checked in.

SEWING ROOMS: Will be open no earlier than noon on Thursday. Please allow us time to get the room properly set up. Assigned tables will ensure that you have a place to work.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received before December 15 will receive a full refund. Later cancellations will receive a refund for the cost of meals only.



Kazoo band from last year's winter retreat.

Mystery Quilt (Becky Lomasney)**Get On Board the Peace Train!**

Welcome to the mystery quilt designed for the Bloomington Quilters Guild for the 2016–2017 guild year. Each month the newsletter will carry a unit to complete. The June issue will include the final instructions for putting it all together. I will be at the November meeting to answer questions. I will also have a demo board at the meeting for each step. I hope you have fun with this! *Becky Lomasney, Mustard Seed Quilts*

Editor's Note: Please understand that this design is for guild members only. Do not copy it or distribute it to nonmembers. Becky Lomasney reserves all rights and is planning to market this design via her business, "Mustard Seed Quilts."

About the Quilt

- You will have a choice of a queen size (98" x 110"), which has a border, or a lap quilt (60" x 72") without a border.
- This looks complex when complete, but broken down it has simple steps.
- You can make this scrappy or very planned with fewer fabrics, depending on your preference.

Fabric

- This quilt has two fabrics that are fairly equal in use, and one accent that will be used sparingly, plus the background fabric.
- Pretty much any combo you like should work. I'm using red for Fabric A and green for Fabric B with a gold for my accent. My fabrics will be very scrappy. When I do a scrappy quilt, I like to keep one thing constant so my background will be one fabric, but you may prefer a scrappy background, too.
- It is important that Fabric A and B be distinct from each other. Some combos to consider: pink and brown, red and blue, green and blue, teal and brown, orange and green, plum and green, etc.
- As far as scale, the biggest piece you'll cut besides the outer border is 4½" so I would use medium-to-small prints. (The border is about 2 yards and will be cut 6½" so you could use a bigger print for that if you prefer.)

Queen Fabric Total

Fabric A: 5½ yards

This will also be the outer border and binding.

Fabric B: 3¾ yards

This will also be the inner border.

Accent Fabric: 5/8 yard

Background Fabric: 4½ yards

Lap Fabric Total

Fabric A: 1¾ yards

Fabric B: 2 yards

Accent: 1/3 yard

Background: 2¼ yards

Unit #1**Queen size quilt**

From Fabric B cut (56) 5" squares.

From Background fabric cut (56) 5" squares.

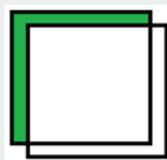
Lap size quilt

From Fabric B cut (30) 5" squares.

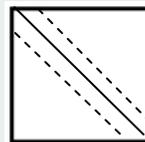
From Background fabric cut (30) 5" squares.

Assembly

1. Match each 5" Fabric B square with a Background square.



2. Draw a line on the diagonal and sew ¼" away from each side of the line.



3. Cut on the line and press toward the Background fabric.



Each square will yield two half-square triangles. When complete, **trim the unit down to 4½"**. This should yield 112 squares for Unit #1 for the queen size or 60 for the lap size. If you are making a scrappy version and want a little more placing of fabric in your blocks, each block needs 4 of these units.

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*Fall Retreat (Carol Evans)***Beautiful Clifty Falls Site of Fall Retreat**

A great time was had by all in Madison last week at the Clifty Falls quilt retreat. Many quilt tops were finished as you can see from the photos. We did a lot of visiting, and it was wonderful to see eight new faces at this retreat. And, it's always so special to have longtime-member Jackie Conlon and her sister, Mitzy, join us from Michigan. Mark your calendars for next year, October 26–29, 2017. You won't want to miss it!

*Nancy Hoff**Susan Shick**Laura Brown-Cano**Dorothy Arnold*

Bloomington Quilters' Guild
Budget Overview: 2016 Budget - FY16 P
 July 2016 - June 2017

	Total
Income	
Dues Income	4,100.00
Interest Income	14.00
Raffle Quilt Income	2,000.00
Retreat Income Fall	11,000.00
Retreat Income Winter	24,000.00
Special Event - Bus Trip	2,500.00
Workshop Income	2,450.00
Total Income	\$ 46,064.00
Gross Profit	\$ 46,064.00
Expenses	
Administrative	945.00
Bus Trip Expenses	2,500.00
Challenge Prizes	100.00
Donations	900.00
Historian	50.00
Membership	225.00
Minor Equipment	900.00
Newsletter & Roster	360.00
PO Box Rental	60.00
Programs	4,148.00
Raffle quilt	320.00
Retreat Expense Fall	11,000.00
Retreat Expense Winter	24,000.00
Storage	880.00
Sunshine Committee	200.00
Website	750.00
Workshops Expense	2,201.00
Total Expenses	\$ 49,539.00
Net Operating Income	-\$ 3,475.00
Net Income	-\$ 3,475.00

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Show and Tell



Lois Martin



Eileen Frye

Ann Birch

Calendar

Events

New Member Reception, November 1
American Homestead Workshop, November 2

November Guild Meeting

Doors open at 5:30 pm on November 1 for the reception for new members and board members at North Central Church of Christ. Doors open at 6:00 pm for the guild meeting.

November Board Meeting

The November board meeting has been canceled due to Election Day.

December Newsletter

Articles for the December newsletter are due Nov. 15 to Ann Birch, 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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