

BLOOMINGTON QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Summer Is Almost Over...Time for UFOs?

By Janice Arvesen, BQG President



What did you do on your summer vacation? Hopefully fabric and friends were part of your summer.

My summer started off with a great sew day at a bee member's home where we learned the Matrix pattern to make a beau-

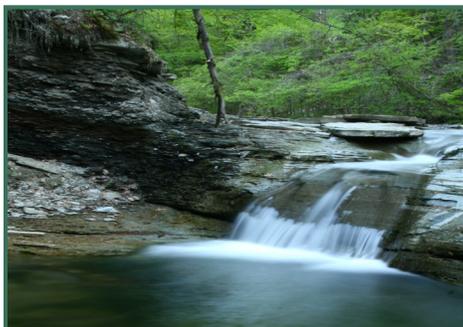
tiful quilt. June consisted of a very fun weekend at our guild's summer retreat at McCormick's Creek State Park. A productive guild sew-in day was a great way to spend a very hot Saturday in July. August was my time of reckoning when I compiled my list of UFOs (unfinished objects). I guess I shouldn't have been surprised, but all my summer sewing

expanded my UFO list to ten projects! That number is always relative according to each quilter, but it feels a little overwhelming to me. The UFO Challenge (found on page 3) is on my calendar for 2019/20. We'll talk all about it and expand on details at our Sept. 3 guild meeting. Hope you will join me!

Janice

Carol Evans and Jo Ann Sporleder

There's Still Time to Sign Up for Clifty Falls



Now that summer is coming to an end, we need to start thinking about fall. Join us for our 17th annual fall retreat at the beautiful Clifty Falls State Park in Madison, IN. The retreat runs from October 24-27 or October 25-27, depending on how long you wish to stay. Come enjoy the company of other guild members. Get the help you need from the many experienced quilters who are always willing to share ideas and help with questions. You can register online, or print and mail the attached form,

or bring the form to the Sept. 3 guild meeting with your payment. Membership for the 2019-2020 guild year is required.

Enjoy the good food at the Inn and the many beautiful quilts that will be created during the event. The company of fellow quilters is always wonderful and no cooking for the weekend makes it even better. Take a short trip to the local quilt shops. Take a walk on one of many trails in the park to view the fantastic waterfalls and beautiful autumn leaves. Never been to a retreat, not sure what to expect? Just call Carol Evans (317-272-4634) or Jo Ann Sporleder (317-332-5935) or [email](#) them.

**Deadline to register is
September 20.**

Jennifer Dwiell and Nola Hartman

Time to Renew!



Sign up now! Avoid the lines! Guild membership runs from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31 and it's time to renew. You may avoid the line at the Sept. 3 meeting by going to the membership [webpage](#) and clicking on either "register by mail" or "register online." Or you may sign up in person at one of our meetings. We have lots of great speakers and programs lined up that you won't want to miss! If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Dwiell or Nola Hartman.

Reminder!

If an article includes the names of people to contact, but no contact information, check the list of leaders on pg. 7 to get emails and phone numbers.

Natalie Kubat

Drum Roll Please. . . 2019-2020 Programs!

When I was approached about becoming program chair for 2019-2020, I eagerly accepted the responsibility as an opportunity to engage our guild with a wide variety of speakers, covering the varied interests of our members. Although it's daunting to follow in the footsteps of last year's fabulous program chair, Brenda Roach (and Laura Brown-Cano before her!), I went about the task thoughtfully and in a way to honor the wonderful reputation of our guild. I am thrilled to announce our speaker line-up for the 2019-2020 year.

October 1, 2019 – Sharon Zonker will discuss the role quilts played in slavery and the Underground Railroad. She will have 20 quilts to display that she has personally crafted over the course of several years.

November 2, 2019 – Quilter and pattern designer, Coleen Merte of [Northwater Quilts](#), will present a trunk show of her work. Coleen is known for taking traditional blocks and updating them in a contemporary fashion. A workshop with Coleen take place on November 3.



February 4, 2020 – Heather Jones explores the formal possibilities of color and shape through geometric and striped compositions. Well known in the modern quilting community, she will display her work and insight on her process for designing unique, one-of-a-kind works of art.



March 3, 2020 – [Gyleen Fitzgerald's](#) quilts blend color, pattern, and texture to add a contemporary essence to traditional quilting. She will discuss how she infuses engineering techniques to simplify visually complex quilts.

April 7, 2020 – A master of color theory, [Amy Walsh](#) will discuss the role of color in our society, color psychology, and choosing a color palette. She will inspire you to find color confidence during her trunk show featuring 30 to 40 quilts. A workshop with Amy will be offered on April 8.

May 5, 2020 – Join [Timna Tarr](#) for a trunk show of her quilting journey. Known for making fun, award-winning quilts, she will talk about her design and color choices as well as the personal stories behind her quilts. On May 6, a workshop with Timna will be offered.

Tara Babcock

BQG Apparel Now Available

You can now purchase Bloomington Quilters Guild t-shirts and jackets. There is no obligation to purchase anything, but how fun will it be for us all to wear our BQG apparel at retreats and shows and when we sell raffle tickets! Everything is done through this website, so please click [here](#) to order. Orders need to be placed by 9 am October 2. Once the order comes in, Tara Babcock will arrange pick-up or delivery. Plus sizes are available.



These photos are examples of the apparel that guild members can now purchase. Prices range from \$15 to \$25 depending on item and size requested. Tara will have samples of the shirts and jacket at the Sept. 3 meeting. If you have questions, please talk to Tara.

Tara Babcock

Quilts of the Heartland: Get Involved!

For all you new members, the guild puts on a fabulous quilt show every third year. For all you returning and longtime members, this is a reminder that the guild puts on a fabulous quilt show every third year. And 2020 is the year! October 9-10, 2020 to be exact.



Our quilt show is a great way for us to promote quilting and the Bloomington Quilters Guild to our community and beyond. It's free and the show is not judged. It's really just a fun way to do Show & Tell. However, you do have to be a member to enter a quilt.

This show is a major source of income for our guild. In fact, it funds

the programming and covers our guild expenses (along with our dues) for 3 years, which is why we only do it every third year. But that means we need LOTS of help making it a success.

We make money through entry fees and from the Treasure Shop. The Treasure Shop is where we take fabric, notions, and the like, donated by you, and sell them; usually at very reduced prices. It is a great place to build your stash. We have vendors who entice us to spend more money and make more quilts! This year we hope to add raffle baskets and a jelly roll race to increase profits and fun.

We will open the call for submitting entries sometime in the spring. But for now, just work on finishing those quilts so we can hang them on display! Our goal is to get every single member to enter a quilt. Never fear that your quilts aren't "good enough." This show is about encouraging others to learn about quilting and our guild. We want all types of quilts: art quilts, appliqué, simple nine patches, etc. Many people are

intimidated by elaborate quilts. We need to see those beginner quilts hanging proudly so everyone knows they can do it, too!

Sometime this spring we will also start to ask for volunteers to help our chairs with various aspects of the show. If you'd like to volunteer, or have any questions about the Quilts from the Heartland Show, please ask the quilt show chairs, Tara Babcock and Natalie Kubat.

To find out more about the needs of the Treasure Shop, go to pg. 4.

Luann Dillon

Quilt Classes Offered



The guild will partner with the Monroe County Public Library to offer two [classes to beginning quilters](#) on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019. Retired librarians and long-time

quilters Nola Hartman and Luann Dillon will lead the classes. Luann will lead hand piecing and quilting from 10 am to noon. Nola will lead machine piecing from 1 to 4 pm.

Here is how you can get involved. We need volunteers. The morning class is limited to 20 participants. The afternoon class is limited to ten participants. Ten volunteers are needed for each class. The afternoon class volunteers will be asked to bring their sewing machines to work one on one with students.



See Nola, Luann, or Janice Arvesen for more details, to volunteer, or to ask questions.

Terri Bower

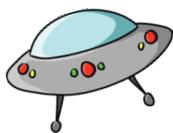
Challenge Coming Up



It's time to announce the 2020 Bloomington Quilters Guild Challenge! After looking over the list of past challenges (did you know there are 21 recorded challenges?), I knew I had my work cut out for me! Brenda Roach's "Black and White Plus One Color" challenge last year inspired a total of 28 entries, I hope you'll find this year's idea equally as fun! See you at the guild on Sept. 3 for the announcement and the first of my ideas for inspiration!

Janice Arvesen

Try the UFO Contest



Are you UFO challenged? Are you ready to complete six of your unfinished objects by May 2020? Are you willing to put up \$6 cash as a promise to complete ALL your UFOs? You could finally complete that community quilt and free up space to collect more fabric! Join your fellow guild members in this fun contest, and maybe win a prize! Find out more information at our Sept. 3 guild meeting or on our [website](#). Contact [Sandy Warren](#) (812-325-0181) for additional details.

Tara Babcock

Quilt Show Treasure Shop Needs Your Quilting Fabric!

One person's trash is another person's treasure! That's the idea behind our Treasure Shop. We are looking for donations and can start taking them now. So clean out your quilt room and donate some treasure. Here is what we are looking for:

Quilting Fabric!

This really is our biggest seller. We will take pieces of any size. We even have a "swimming pool" full of scraps that we sell by the bag. But we covet pieces of ¼ yard or more. PLEASE only give us quilting fabric, not upholstery fabric, not fleece, not rayon. It just doesn't sell. Flannel that can be used in baby quilts is great, but otherwise, keep it quilting cotton. Our market is quilters, and they want good old cotton quilting fabric! Also, it is a huge help to the show if you can measure your fabric and mark it (just staple or pin a little piece of paper to it). Just estimate to the nearest 1/8 yard.

Notions

Remember when you bought a new ruler because you couldn't find your old ruler, only to again find that

ruler? Now you are tripping over two rulers. Donate one to us! We will even take used spools of thread. We bag them up to sell in a bundle. Scissors, rulers, and other gadgets are great sellers. Again, keep it quilting-related.

Books and Patterns

We all have a pile of quilting books that we used to use all the time. But



now we have a new favorite method. Here is your chance to donate that book to a good cause. **We DO NOT WANT MAGAZINES this year.** Magazines seem to multiply like bunnies. But quilting patterns and books are greatly appreciated!

Plastic Totes

We are looking for some plastic totes to store all our treasures in.

But please talk to us before hauling them to the meeting.

This next show we will not be selling pre-made items like Christmas tree ornaments and kids' presents. First, we are moving the show to October, which means people are less likely to be looking for Christmas gifts. Second, we just felt that people came into our shop looking for deals, and we were selling our hard work for very little money. We are thinking about alternative avenues to sell our goodies in the future.

You can simply bring your donation to any guild meeting. Or call us, and we will arrange a pick-up. Thanks from your Treasure Shop Chairs, Laura Brown-Cano and Jennifer Dwiel.

Janice Arvesen

IN Quilt Shows Arrive

Common Threads Quilt Guild will hold a quilt show Sept. 28 in Lafayette at Faith East Community Center. For more information, send an email to quiltshow17@gmail.com.

The 2019 Harvest of Quilts XIII Quilt and Craft Show from the Raintree Quilt Guild will be held at Old National Events Plaza, 715 Locust St, Evansville, IN, Sept. 20-21, 2019. For more information, visit www.raintreequiltersguild.org.

BQG Board Makes Change

Amy Stewart is no longer able to be secretary of the BQG Board. Instead, we are very grateful to Monica Jensen, who in addition to being our Historian, has stepped up to fill Amy's shoes. The Board will vote in September.

Sally Stephenson

Raffle Quilt Unveiling in September

Remember the raffle quilt from last year (photo at right)? Well, the 2019-2020 raffle quilt is just as spectacular! We will unveil this year's raffle quilt at the Sept. 3 meeting. It was pieced, quilted, and embellished by Maryam Othman.

Raffle tickets are in envelopes and ready to hand out at the meeting. Be sure to get yours. Sales from the raffle help support our speakers from the quilt world.



The 2018-2019 raffle quilt.

Maryam Othman

Summer Retreat Hits the Summertime Spot

Our first summer retreat was held on Friday, June 28-30 at the Canyon Inn, McCormick’s Creek State Park. We had the option of members coming on Thursday, and 16 of the 30 participants took this opportunity. The quilt shop “Unraveled” in Spencer was very generous to give 20% discounts to all of us.

Many projects were begun and many were completed, too. One of our award-winning quilters, Pat Surra, figured out how to create a “Matrix” quilt and gave instructions to all her bee members. It’s so interesting to see the same design, created with so many different color

schemes, resulting in a completely different look. Maryam Othman,



Janice Arvesen, and Jennifer Dwiell worked on their “Coming Home” quilts, and each was unique in its own way.

The long summer days got us up early to start quilting, continuing until late at night. A few of us took a short walk to the overlook of the waterfalls in the evening after dinner. It was a fun and creative weekend.

We have reserved a larger sewing room for next year. Tentatively, the dates are June 12-14, 2020. Please save these dates. We hope to see more of you join us next year.

Janice Arvesen

St. Mark’s Sew-In Days Announced

Guild members are invited to “Sew-In Days” at St. Mark’s Church on the following dates in 2020: Feb. 22, Apr. 18, and July 18 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. This is a convivial time to get together with friends new and old to work on your own projects, whatever they may be. Photos here are from this year’s July Sew-In Day.



Here’s a Little Sunshine!

Wanted: A few friendly folks. Would you like to sit with a new person at one or two guild meetings? If so, please call RJ Trubitt, 812-339-0945.

Know a guild member who needs support and a caring word? Some sunshine will be sent if you notify RJ Trubitt (812-339-0945) or [Judy Jaffe](mailto:judy.jaffe@bloomingtonquiltersguild.com) (812-334-8195).

**Bloomington Quilters Guild
Fall Retreat Registration Form**

Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, Indiana

Thursday–Sunday, October 24–27, 2019 or Friday–Sunday, October 25–27, 2019

Online Registration:

<https://www.bloomingtonquiltersguild.org/retreats-fall-2019>

Registration Deadline: September 20, 2019

Note: You must have paid member dues for the 2019–2020 guild year to attend this retreat.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____
(Name & Phone)

INN ACCOMMODATIONS:

	Friday-Sunday		Thursday (additional)
<i>Circle One:</i>	Single Room	\$296	Single Room
	Double Room	\$226	Double Room
	Triple Room	\$206	Triple Room
	Quadruple Room	\$192	Quadruple Room
<i>Meals Included:</i>	Friday dinner-Sunday lunch		Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and lunch

ROOMMATE(S): _____

Note: Your registration will not be complete until your roommate or roommates are also registered.

Do you need special provisions? (please list) _____

Will you be bringing an ironing board to share? _____ Ruler? _____ Cutting mat? _____

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Please register [online](#) or submit this form with your payment at a guild meeting or mail form and payment to:
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Calendar

Events

Clifty Falls Retreat Oct. 24-27, 2019

September Guild Meeting

Doors open at 6:00 pm for the guild meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at Beth Shalom Congregation.

September Board Meeting

The board meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Monday, Sept. 16. Contact a board member for more details.

October Newsletter

Articles for the October newsletter are due Sept. 21 to news@bloomingtonquiltersguild.org, 812-339-2469.

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 Beth Shalom Congregation, 3750 E. 3rd St.

6:00 pm: Doors open

6:30 pm: Show and tell

7:00 pm: Program

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