

Black Swamp Quilt Guild Meeting

June 11, 2026

The meeting started off with a program; “KidLit in Quilts” presented by Sheila Painter
Quilts from Children’s Books

Welcome new Members and Visitors

New Members – Lori Harper and Janel DeLong

Visitors – Ontha Oberly and Amy Kolan

Approval of May minutes – Question on the May minutes to clarify a comment made by a member identified as Patti, clarification made the member was Patti Carey. Motion for approval of minutes made by Kathy Jensen, seconded by Deb McLean. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – The report was given by Treasurer, Stephanie Lane.

Old Business

Retreat Committee -

-Recap of Just Sew Retreat – Committee Chair Denise Beck shared we had 57 participants quilt for three days at the Wood County Fairgrounds in the Junior Fair Building. She received many positive comments on the facility and location. The retreat also made its financial goal. Special thanks to Member Alisha Frankfather who pushed the information out to a lot of her connections. Overall, this was a very successful retreat that was a lot of fun for all participants.

-Fall Retreat Update – Thursday-Sunday, October 15-18, 2026, in Lima. The theme is “Happy 250th Birthday”. As of this evening, 61 people have signed up, the cap is at 70. Mail in registrations will be accepted after tonight’s meeting if there are spots. Retreat Committee Chair Denise Beck is working on committees and is looking for volunteers to help throughout the weekend. Please contact her if you are interested in volunteering.

-Quilts & Needle Arts Festival 2027 – President Jeanne Langendorfer reported Past President Carol Hicks has agreed to be the chair of the show, unfortunately she was unable to be with us this evening. She has sign-up sheets for various committees who need volunteers. Signing up now is not a commitment, but an opportunity to share what you may be interested in helping with. Some of the committee’s work is done ahead of time such as making phone calls, food items, and publicity of the show. Sign-up sheets will be at every meeting moving forward. Sheets that have a red star indicate committees that have tasks that are not as demanding as others. Dates are reserved for October 14-17, 2027, at the Wood County Fairgrounds in the Junior Fair Building. These dates conflict with the Fall retreat. President Jeanne Langendorfer stated that at the June 4th executive board meeting there was discussion of the location for the fall retreat and unfortunately, that is the same date as the quilt show. The Executive Board is currently recommending looking at different dates for the retreat in September of 2027, and to rotate the Fall retreat from Lima to Bowling Green every other year. It was mentioned that the Lima location offers the retreat experience some members like, and the Bowling Green location is beneficial for those who are local and allows members to enjoy the experience closer to home for multiple reasons. President Jeanne Langendorfer is asking for members to email her and share their thoughts on these events.

Discussion

-Member Joan Bierley asked if the retreat would still be in Lima and President Jeanne Langendorfer stated yes.

-Member Barb Lemon asked what the dates are for the Fall Retreat in 2027 and President Jeanne Langendorfer said that will be worked out as the festival and retreat were on the same weekend. Further discussion will take place.

-Member Stacy Phillips shared her concerns about accommodating only 50% of the members each year. The Howard Johnson in Lima, for example, is perfect for what we do. Some quilters sew until midnight and want to go directly to their rooms and not get in their car to drive home. President Jeanne Langendorfer said comments will be taken into consideration.

-Member Karen Kotula asked about the thoughts behind moving the quilt show to October, conflicting with the retreat. President Jeanne Langendorfer shared that multiple vendors want to be at the quilt show but because of the All-Ohio Shop Hop, it is impossible for them to do both. They are small locally owned businesses that do not have the staff to accommodate both locations.

-Member Calista Jo Grogan suggested all information about the quilt show and retreats be shared with the membership via email or mail to help with understanding the details. President Jeanne Langendorfer shared that she does do all information through email and if requested information can be sent by mail. She will be sharing information with the membership.

-Committee Chair Denise Beck addressed questions about the dates for the Just Sew Retreat in the Spring of 2027. When she contacted the fairgrounds for possible dates, the only weekend available falls on the Sauder Quilt Show and Bowling Green State University Graduation. There was concern about pricing for participants who wish to spend the night, and Denise stated she was working with a hotel to block out a section of rooms for us.

-Member Karen Kotula shared that most participants for the spring retreat tend to be local, the largest population will not need a hotel, and Denise has a connection with a hotel in town to get a block of rooms for the weekend for those who need it. The Sauder Quilt Show runs from Wednesday-Saturday, giving a lot of opportunities to attend if participants wish to do both. President Jeanne Langendorfer stated the executive committee will take all information presented to her into consideration.

New Business

Announcements

– President Jeanne Langendorfer received information from a member pointing out we do not have current tax exemption status. If you are purchasing anything, please pay the tax and you will be reimbursed. She is looking into this situation and will have more information to come.

-President Jeanne Langendorfer addressed a question about email. When she sends email out to the entire membership, addresses are BBC “blind copied.” Please note you are receiving an email the entire membership is receiving. When sending individual emails President Jeanne Langendorfer will only be addressing you on specific subject matter.

-Vice President Shelia Painter announced the July meeting program will be *Bags and Quilted Hearts*. She also shared the August meeting will be *Animal and Portrait Quilting* with Member Bettina De Miguel. Members will have an opportunity to take a class with Bettina on September 19 at the Bowling Green Community Center. This class will replace the September workday. Sign up and more information will be at the July meeting.

-Member Deb Tell has batting for a member that was requested from Past President Carol Hicks. It is size 41x55 for the "Oh My Stars" quilt. If you requested this batting, please let her know she has it for you.

Show and Tell

A few more announcements after Show and Tell

Committee Chair Brenda Trumbull Shared information regarding the Wood County Fair Quilt Show. She needs to know how many people will be coming on Quilt Day, August 4th. Members can quilt, work on projects, and have table space and if you need a pass to get into the fair, Brenda can get one for you. More detailed information will be shared via email.

Member Kathy Jensen shared information about the Pemberville Quilt Show – 250th Challenge Special display and the Pemberville Free Fair Quilt Show. Flyers were available at the back table and detailed information will be in the newsletter.

Member Calista Jo Grogan has a friend that collected 90 pillowcases for soldiers being deployed and 60 were made by our guild and Calista wanted to express her gratitude. She is also collecting more pillowcases for soldiers being deployed in red, white and blue. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Respectively Submitted,
Jennifer Morlock, Member
Acting Secretary for Secretary Becky Strayer