

Black Swamp Quilters Guild Minutes

August 13, 2026

Visitors & New Members: There were no new visitors or members.

Minutes: July minutes will be voted on at the September meeting. The minutes were sent out on 8/13 and it was determined that was not enough time for everyone to read.

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Lane gave the report.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Fall Retreat 2027 and a few survey observations:

- It was stated that Howard Johnson does not have a signed agreement for 2027.
- Retreat survey results show many people like to "get away" and others who are unable to go.

Recommendation:

"The Fall Retreat should continue being held in Lima. Additionally, when the quilt show is to be held, that it not be scheduled during the All-Ohio Shop Hop and that the Fall Retreat will take place so as not to conflict with the quilt show. The Just Sew Retreat in spring should continue."

Kathy Sinnott made a motion to accept the above recommendation.

Carol Hicks second motion.

Members approved by majority vote.

Wendy Jenkins appreciated all the time spent in regards to the survey.

Carol Hicks noted Board members had tried to reach out to Denise Best multiple times with no response.

Alternate Dates for the 2027 Fall retreat were discussed: September 30- October 3 or November 4-7

Jenny Morlock noted that the Amish Shop Hop would likely conflict with the November dates.

Preference was indicated by show of hands: 27 voted in favor of Sept 30- October 3, 5 voted in favor of November 4-7

Recommendation:

"The 2027 Fall Retreat is to be held September 30-October 3. "

Alisha Frankfather made a motion to accept the 2027 Fall Retreat date.

Kathy Jenson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Retreat Committee:

Update on 2026 Fall Retreat:

- Denise Beck reported that the retreat is full with 70 attendees. Attending members should have received an email from Denise (sent 8/10) in regards to Retreat details.
- Denise Beck resigned as Retreat Chairperson effectively immediately. She handed all paperwork to President.
- Bettina de Miguel stated she would be willing to help with Fall Retreat organization but is not home from November-May.

Quilt and Needles Art Festival 2027

Carol Hicks was waiting for the voting tonight before booking the Jr Fair Building.

Wood County Fair Quilt Day

Brenda Trumbull reported a good turnout of members and felt the day was successful.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

- The President asked for volunteers.
- Diane Giveins recalled that Judy George had indicated interest in the President position during last year's Nominating Committee work.
- These members agreed to serve: Karen Glassford, Louise Kimpel, Joan Bierley.
- Sheila Painter strongly encouraged members to be Vice President. This person is in charge of programs.
- It was discussed that programs provided by members receive \$100 and nonmembers programs are based on their fee. Marty Berry asked for additional clarification. If Guild has a Special Speaker then the Special Speaker Committee needs to get approval for cost. Carol Hicks added that we have not had a special speaker due to high prices and many will not travel.
- There was a question in regard to the job descriptions of the Officers of the Guild. All job descriptions are noted on the website in the Bylaws. Positions are single year terms and "...may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office." (Bylaws Article V, Section 2 B.)

Announcements

- Jean Overmeyer brought a part of the BSQG Banner that was displayed on a table at the back of the room. She created an inventory of the names on the Banner.
- If you are unsure or have not made a square please get in touch with Jean.
- Calista Jo Grogan received 10 pillowcases from Sandy Dallas for deployed soldiers.

Program

August Program: Bettina de Miguel on Animal and Portrait design

Members can sign up for her class on September 19th from 10am-4:30pm at the BG Community Center. The cost of the class is \$85.

September Meeting: Deb Strain, Moda Fabric Designer, will be the special speaker. ***Doors open at 5:30*** Meeting begins at 6:30 in the large meeting room. Seating is limited to 160 people. Sheila has reached out to other guilds. This is a no-cost event. Deb Strain will be vending ----- so happy shopping!

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Kotula