

Guild Meeting January 24, 2017

Cover our Kids and More presents

"That Show of Shows: The Many Facets of Cover our Kids"

The program includes a Parade of COK Logo Challenge entries, a slide show, entitled, "All Those Quilts", and a special guest appearance by Ginny Goede, head of the Women's Auxiliary at St Clare Hospital, speaking on, "The impact of comfort quilts on babies born with health challenges". Plus the reveal of never-before-reported statistics, such as the number of quilts we currently have on the books (hint: it's over 300!).

A panel of impartial judges will select our winners and special awards, based on the most inches pieced, the most inches quilted, and the most creative kits assembled during a sew day, will be given to our Platinum Status Volunteers.

And to conclude this exciting evening, each of you will get the opportunity to participate in COK's incredibly fun, creative, and productive service project by leaving with a wonderful kit to piece, or quilt, or bind either during or after the holidays...whenever you can sneak away for some serious "me" time in your sewing space.

Louise Morris, MC and COK Coordinator

300+ QUILTS

**Thank you
sooo much**

**Love my
Blankie**

**Mine Mine
Mine**



PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

I'm sure the holidays were busy and certainly a pause for reflection over the past year. Many of us started part of our holiday activity with the Guild's Holiday Party. For those who were there you know we had a great time. Susan Meyer planned the decorations and her creativity added a special touch for the event. The Christmas Blocks were festive and added a nice back drop to the event.

There is something about the white holiday lights and the red winter berries that just scream "Quilt Making". I really find a great deal of peace and contentment in playing with fabric, designs, and planning next year's starts and finishes. Also it's time to look at the previous years UFOs and determine a realistic plan of action.

I'm probably like most of you and I have my "Cover our Kids" quilts planned and cut. In my own mind I need to think about the community service before I can play with my personal quilts. Also there's at least two Bits retreats between now and COK in November 2017. I have one ready for the January retreat!

But also this is a season for feeling thankful. I'm very thankful for our guild. It's been a pleasure to lead the group the last 2 years. However, it is the committee structure and the volunteerism of the members that make our Guild solid.

Thanks to all of you.

Best to all,
Anne Perry, President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm so excited and honored that the members of this guild have elected me to be the new president. I have had leadership roles in several organizations in the past and look forward to the opportunities and challenges that await us.

When I joined Bits 'n' Pieces several years ago, I was impressed by the warmth and friendliness that everyone extended to me. I had been looking for a group that was as passionate and obsessed with needlework and quilting as I was.

We have an exciting year planned. This month we will be having a presentation from Louise Morris for Cover Our Kids and awards will be presented for the UFO Challenge. We also will be going to Todd Hall for the winter retreat. Because the guild has so many small groups and activities, I'm sure you can find your special niche too. Think about which projects you want to volunteer your time.

Bits 'n' Pieces is a special organization because of all the members who so generously provide their time and effort to make it great! Thank you!

Please contact me at pjanderson56@charter.net if you have any questions or suggestions.

Keep calm and quilt on,
Peggy Anderson, President

MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2016

President Anne Perry called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Anne Perry announced the newsletter deadline of 1/6/2017.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 25, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee chairperson Nancy Peters presented the 2017 slate of officers: President Peggy Anderson, Vice-President Chris Williams, Treasurer Cindy Pfothenhauer and Secretary Nancy Hopkins. A motion was made and seconded to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

The membership applauded Sue Meyer for organizing the Christmas Party.

Anne Perry drew four names as winners of holiday quilt blocks.

There were no membership committee reports.

Membership cards will be available at the January meeting.

Meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed the Christmas party.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hopkins, Secretary



There will be a **Budget Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 pm** at the Salem Church where we have our guild meetings.

We historically have this one executive meeting per year on the second Tuesday in January. So if you have or need to establish or change your budget, please attend or contact Peggy Anderson prior to the meeting.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

January Birthdays

Ann Harbert

Cheryl Cobert

Chris Wiley

Christine Enberg

Cindy Holten

Cindy Neville

Elizabeth Holman-Goold

Jean Glock

Kathy Young

Kay Strebeck

Linda Biederman

Mary Miller

Nancy Turner

Phyllis Bednarek

Suzanne Gould

Virginia (Angie) Naeger

Wendy Richards

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Block of the Month: Mary Lou Melkowski

- The BOM will begin again in January. We will continue with 1 block each month until all 12 blocks have been revealed.
- Don't forget to check in with your finished blocks.

COK and More: Louise Morris

Come help us celebrate the New Year and see what your Volunteer efforts have produced!

- **Mark your Calendars!** On January 24, Cover Our Kids will be hosting a program entitled "That Show of Shows: The Many Facets of Cover Our Kids."
- The Live entertainment will include a parade of our Logo Challenge entries, along with their owners, a panel of impartial judges to select our winner, special awards given to our Platinum Status Volunteers (Think: the most inches pieced, the most stitches quilted, the most creative quilts cut and assembled by a member, for example) and a special guest appearance by Ginny Goede, head of the women's Auxiliary at St. Clare Hospital speaking on "The impact of comfort quilts on babies born with health challenges."
- A silent film entitled "**All those Quilts**" will be presented for your viewing pleasure (OK, fine its really a slide show).
- You will hear some astounding statistics such as, How many quilts do we have on the books? (Hint: It's over **300!**).
- Finally, you will get the opportunity to leave with a door prize of a wonderful kit to take home and piece, quilt or bind now that the holidays, festivities and guests have gone and you want to sequester yourself in your sewing space, and become a member of our incredibly fun, creative and productive service program we call Cover Our Kids. Hope to see you there.
- **COK Year-end Report:** We have had an incredibly busy and productive year, with 5 serving as Baggy Block Coordinators, 8 Sew days, 5 very large donations and a number of new members wanting to get involved in the guild and COK. We have spent a little over half of our budget, mostly on batting and have made 12 deliveries to hospitals and other organizations, including two new ones picked up this year, the Missouri Veteran's Endeavor and St. Clare Hospital. A big thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that spent hours of their free time making this all happen!
- **Last minute call for volunteers!** It has come to my attention that members of the mini group, "The Company", have gotten together and decided to take on the challenge of sorting the COK fabric stash which, if you have been down to the basement recently you will notice has tripled in size with two more

donations promised soon! (One example of what our volunteers do!) We will be meeting at the church on the 24th of January, same as our meeting day at 9 am. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. I plan to stay through the afternoon and evening and will get dinner out.

- There will be no sew days in January or February so if you have time and want to come, we'd love to have you

Library: Kay Merz

- Happy New Year! May your new year be one of new beginnings, happiness, good health, safety and wonderful times spent quilting "Bits and Pieces" of your life.
- With the holidays behind us and the hustle and bustle of so much activity, hopefully everyone is thinking about that next quilting project or starting something new. With all the creative ideas floating around, sometimes it is difficult to know where to begin. Your Guild Library is a good place to find resource information to help begin or finish that project.
- I am delighted to tell you about some new additions to our Guild Library that just might spark some interest and creativity. We have added a new iquilt DVD "Color Theory for Quilters" by Katie Pasquini Masopust. I know some of you were born with the gift of using color in marvelous ways in your quilts but, if you are like me, you struggle with picking the right fabric to make that project pop. This is a DVD which covers the same information in the on-line class. Learn to use color more freely, shop smarter and utilize your stash more effectively as Katie teaches you to see color in your projects and build confidence about your choices.
- Another delightful addition is a gift to our library. The book "Every Quilt Has a Story" by Nancy E. Mink. This is meant as a gift book with wonderful inspiration and colorful watercolors. This book reminds us that, "locked inside the stitches of every quilt are bits and pieces of life. Celebrations and adventure, hopes and dreams, even hardships and sorrows are sewn between layers." This book contains little known quilting facts and helpful suggestions as well as heartwarming stories, quotes and poems of love and love lost, happiness and sorrow and, most of all, friends among quilts. Don't hesitate to check out these additions.
- Your Guild Library is a wonderful resource of books as well as DVDs, and fictional quilt related novels. Whatever your quilting interest, you are encouraged to check out this wonderful resource.
- Your Guild Library is located at the back of the meeting room in a cabinet in the side classroom. Stop by the table just outside this room to check out or return library items or if you need assistance in locating an item.

Membership: Bernadette Delannay/Candy Grisham/Judy Humphrey

- Just a reminder: Dues and Membership forms are due January 15.

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- If you haven't renewed your Membership, please find the Membership form on the Bits website and open the membership page. Right at the top is the link to the form. Please print it, complete it and send it along with your check to Bernadette Delannay (Made out to Bits n Pieces) for \$25.00. Address is on form.
- So far over half of the guild has renewed. And Membership will be handing out guild cards at the January meeting.
- **Remember to wear your badge.** We have stick-on name tags at the membership table or you can order the engraved badges. These are \$10 and can be ordered in magnetic or pin backed styles. Remember the magnetic badges should not be worn with a pace-maker!
- The annual fee this year is \$25. Guests are always welcome at the meeting for \$2.00 (\$5.00 when there is a national speaker). Encourage your friends to join us!

Media Resources

To provide a better understanding of what each of these sources of communication entail, each of the media leaders has provided a short summary.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding any of the listed media resources below, please contact the respective individual for assistance.

- **Cindy Holten—Newsletter:**
 - The newsletter is issued each month except December.
 - Each month, a deadline reminder is emailed to the officers and committee chairs.
 - The due date for newsletter submissions is usually the Friday following the guild meeting.
 - The newsletter contains the following: Front Page (meeting date, title of event, name of presenter, short bio, and theme), Minutes; President's Message, Committee Reports, Special Events, Various Announcements, and Ads.
 - Newsletters can be found on our Website under the tab, "Newsletters".
 - All members are encouraged to email their comments, announcements, special news, or suggestions to me at cmholten@sbcglobal.net.
- **Darla Gibson—Facebook and Yahoo Group:**
 - The Yahoo Group is set up for our member to be able to communicate with the entire group at one time. We typically send guild information, ads for items for sale from other guild members, announcements of upcoming shows and classes that may be of interest to the group. When you join as a Member of BNP, we add you to the group and you opt in by clicking a link to accept our invitation in the group.
 - All messages you would like to send to the BNP Membership can be emailed to bit-squills@yahoogroups.com. All messages are reviewed by someone prior to being forwarded to the group to

ensure that members are not inundated with junk/spam type emails. We also do not sell or share the list of members to any other groups or organizations.

- This communication method has been very helpful to get news from and about our members out quickly and easily.
- **Facebook:** Bits 'n' Pieces has a Facebook Page! If you have not already visited it, please take a moment to Like us up at www.facebook.com/BitnPiecesQuiltGuild/
- Posts include meeting pictures and updates, announcements and other general information. It's another way to keep communicating with our members and for you to share what we do with others through Social Media.
- If you would like more information about either Yahoo or Facebook, please email Darla Gibson at ddgibby64@yahoo.com.
- **Marsha Bray—Website Master:**
 - The Bits 'n' Pieces website can be found at <http://www.bitnpiecesguild.com/>. The website is the source for most of what you need to know about our guild.
 - The right side bar always contains the latest information about upcoming programs and events.
 - Announcements can be found on the home page.
 - Below the banner title box on the website, there are several menu items listed across the screen.
 - You can always find the latest newsletter by clicking on "newsletter".
 - The "Mini-groups" tab will take you to a list of all the mini-groups. For most of the groups, if you click on the group name, you'll find their current meeting schedule. These are updated periodically.
 - Hold your pointer over "Special Events" and you'll find a drop down menu with several choices. These are Block-of-the-Month, Challenges, Retreats, UFO, and Workshops. By clicking on any of these you'll find information about participating in these fun guild activities.
 - When you click on the "Members Only" tab, you'll be asked for a password. This page is only available to guild members because it contains our member list with information to contact any guild member. It also has the officer list and much more information only available to our members. To find out the password, ask at the membership table at guild meeting or ask by email. (marshabray@yahoo.com).
 - Suggestions for changes, additions, corrections, etc to the webpage should also be forwarded to me at marshabray@yahoo.com. Or talk to me at a guild meeting.

National Speakers: Wendy Richards& Candy Grisham

- We had a great 2016 and have two national speakers scheduled for 2017: Becky Goldsmith in May and Susan Brubaker Knapp in August.
- Candy and I will take care of the planning/organizing for the rest of 2017. However, in order to continue having speakers, we need one or more guild members to take over and begin scheduling national

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speakers for 2018. Speakers are often scheduled at least a year in advance.

Programs for 2017 Guild Meetings: Chris Williams

2017 promises to have many fun meetings for our Bits members.

- **Jan 24:** COK Show of Shows - Louise Morris
- **Feb 28:** Jan Ochterbeck - Trunk Show, "Cut & Shuffle Quilts".
- **Mar 28:** Toby Lischko - Trunk Show
 - Mar 29: Toby Lischko - Workshop
- **Apr 25:** Casey York - "Art Historical Inspiration For Quilters", and author of, "The Applique Book"
- **May 23:** Becky Goldsmith - National speaker.
- **June 27:** Cindy Neville - "Tips on entering a prize-winning quilt in a show".
- **July 25:** Salad Supper. **NOTE: Date may change to JULY 18 due to Church Activity.**
- **Aug 22:** Susan Brubaker Knapp – National Speaker.
- **Sep 26:** Shelly Pagliai of Prairie Moon Quilts - "The Life of Hazel Ilene".
- **Oct 24:** Cindy Holten/Carol Lovelace - Guild Challenge Quilt Reveal.
- **Nov 28:** Louise Morris - Cover our Kids
- **Dec 12??:** Holiday Party

Quilt Show 2018: Joyce Zepp

Details to be announced.

- **Raffle Quilt: Chris Williams** - The Raffle Quilt top is almost finished. Next steps are to select backing and get it to the quilter by the end of January. Our committee members have been busy appliquéing over 40 plates to the top - all of them are beautiful. Thank you, Dresden Divas, for all your hard work!

Retreats Todd hall, Columbia, IL: Susan Calzone

- Two retreats are held annually for our members. One in January and one in June. Members work at their own pace on projects of their choice in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Retreaters share tips and tricks, oohs and ahhs, and plenty of snacks, including lots of chocolate.
- **Approximate prices -**
 - double occupancy, with Toddhall meals* - \$240
 - single occupancy, with Toddhall meals* - \$310
 - double occupancy, no meals - \$150
 - single occupancy, no meals - \$215
 - add on day/night, double, no meals + \$50
 - add on day/night, single, no meals + \$70
 - *Meals are only available if there are at least ten retreaters purchasing them.
- **Future Retreats:**
 - June 14 -17, add-on June 13
- Sign-up by emailing me or seeing me at the 'RETREAT' table at our guild meetings. If you are

unsure, or the retreat is full, I can put you on a wait list and contact you closer to the retreat or in the event of a cancellation. If you choose to be wait-listed you are under no obligation to attend if offered a place.

- For detailed information on the location, bedrooms, sewing area, meals, cancellations, refunds, and packing see our website under Special Events, Retreats where you will find two informational documents.

Sunshine & Shadow: Linda Waugh

- **Zeynep Austill** suffered from a fractured femur and had surgery in December. Please support her with cards or emails:
 - Here is Zeynep Austill's address:
16004 Canterbury Estates Drive
Ellisville, MO 63021
- **Linda Wolfinger**, one of our guild members and a friend of Jeanette Marcus, died November 23 from cancer complications. We sent her husband, Don, a poinsettia from the guild and he was most grateful to receive our support and sympathy.
 - Here is Jeanette's address if you'd like to send her your support:
420 S. Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
 - Here is Don Wolfinger's address:
15325 Oaktree Estates Drive
Chesterfield, MO 63017
- Please contact me at 314 909-8559 or Lkamp-waugh@charter.net this upcoming year with any Sunshine or Shadow information. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report: Jean Weber

- It has been a pleasure to serve as treasurer of our guild. I have enjoyed working with so many of you as it has given me the opportunity to become better acquainted with you. Thank you for your help.
- Please continue with the following as we welcome **our new treasurer, Cindy Pfotenhauer**.
- For auditing reasons, it is imperative that these procedures are followed when submitting income/expenses:
 1. Original receipts must be submitted – **no photocopies**.
 2. Receipts for re-imbursement must consist of **ONLY** items purchased for the guild. Do **NOT** combine items purchased for personal use with items purchased for guild use.
 3. If you are submitting income or requesting reimbursement for more than one committee, submit these on **separate** forms.

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The Bits 'n' Pieces 2017 Guild Staff

Please feel free to contact anyone on this list should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

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THE QUILTED FOX

Super Bowl Sunday Sale!



Sale!!

February 5

11:00 am-5:00 pm

100's of Fabrics

Books and Patterns

Don't forget – we're open every Sunday from 12 - 4 pm

Visit us at: 10403 Clayton Road in La Chateau Village or call us at (314) 993-1181

Monday & Wednesday 10-5; Tuesday & Thursday 10-6:30;

Friday & Saturday 10-4:30; Sunday 12-4:00

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