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# Guild Program for January 26, 2016

# "A Marathon of Sewing" Jean Goldsberry

"If you always do what you always did, you always get what you always got."
- Henry Ford

Do you always make the same traditional blocks and only use stippling for your quilting design? Do you avoid curves and sharp angles? If the answer is "yes", then you have come to the right place to expand your quilting skills.

Jean will jump start the new year with ideas on how to escape this quilting rut. She will inspire us to learn new techniques and to take risks

So dust off those quilting books, unwrap those rulers, and prepare yourself for new quilting adventures!



**This is the 2016 Bits & Pieces Guild Staff Roster.** If you are interested in chairing or assisting in a committee, getting involved in any mini group or have a question, please contact any staff member. We all are happy to help you in any way we can.

This roster can also be found on our website under Members Only.

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### COK and More: Louis Morris

- I am looking forward to taking over Cover our Kids and am busy selecting dates for sew days in the new year.
- Some new things you will see this year include a "raid the stash" sew day where you bring the pattern and pick out fabric from our ever growing community stash to cut out, take home and put together. We also have an abundance of adorable panels that need to be put together in kits and could be made into a challenge.
- For those that love to appliqué, I have some simple baggy blocks that can be raw edge appliquéd, interfacing provided. Finally, I will have a suggestion box available at meetings where members can give ideas for challenges or new patterns they saw somewhere or simply suggestions for anything COK related. See you in January!

#### COK Recap Report by Chris Williams:

- Our speaker for the November meeting was Judy Goedeker from St. Louis Crisis Nursery. Judy is a "Best Friend" of the Crisis Nursery and has first hand knowledge of its programs and needs. Several Crisis Nursery locations have been recipients of your quilts. In fact, during the past 2 years, including December, Bits & Pieces Guild has donated 153 guilts to Crisis Nurseries.
- Louise Morris, the new COK Chair, handed out baggie blocks to be completed for January 2016, and has requested volunteers for Baggie Block Coordinators for the coming year.
- In addition, several members took home scrap bags containing fabric to be pressed, cut, and returned in January.
- Ivy Osborne produced a slide show of all the quilts produced by members since January 2014 and while the slide show ran, some COK statistics were announced.
- Up through the November meeting, 218 quilts were made for the year, of which 207 quilts had been donated to various charitable organizations. These organizations include several Crisis Nursery Centers, St. Louis Children's Hospital, Cardinal Glennon Pediatric ICU. Epworth Children & Family Services, St. Louis Transitional Hope House, Jefferson County nursing homes, Quilts of Valor and Honor Flight.
- Through the November meeting:
  - 75 kits were completed
  - 164 guilts or guilt tops were donated to COK by members
  - 3 were given to Honor Flight
  - 5 were given to Quilts of Valor. 2 completed tops and 3 tops to be quilted.

- 75 plus guild members participated in one way or another in producing all these guilts but some truly outdid themselves with their donation of time and materials:
- Several members donated fabric and a couple need to be noted:
- Tracy Back generously allowed COK to raid her stash after the Garage Sale - what beautiful fabrics! And Peggy Knight's family made sure Peggy would be remembered by Bits & Pieces Guild. They invited COK – at Peggy's instruction – to come get whatever we wanted from Peggy's stash. As if Peggy wasn't prolific enough, her gift will continue to be used for a long time to come.
- Debbie Briscoe was responsible for over 30 kits this year and most of the materials, including fabric for tops, batting, backing and batting came from her own stash.
- Next, Baggy Block coordinators What a difference you made in the success of COK.
  - In January, Darla Gibson and Bernice Dodge took home the first blocks from the 9-patches that you all had created and then turned those blocks into many quilts and quilt kits.
  - Laurie Schrader was our Coordinator and handed out blocks for January.
  - Lisa Marsden was our February Coordinator.
  - Debbie Briscoe was our March coordinator.
  - April was The Company Nancy Peters, Kay Merz, Phyllis Nelson, Cindy Holten, Sue Potter, Fran Collins, Debbie Ernst and Nancy Muskopf worked together – a great team
  - In May, Jean Weber put together the baggies and put us all under a deadline (son's wedding) to get them returned - and it worked!
  - Judy Humphreys and Candy Grisham created the June baggies
  - And Bernadette Delannay took care of the July -Flutterby blocks.
  - In all, 41 members took home baggy blocks a total or 422 baggies, but some went above and beyond: Debbie Syron sewed 60; Tracy Back sewed 54, Susan Calzone sewed 44, Sue Meyer sewed 38 and Merrily Woodford sewed 32.
- Then there are the quilt kits 39 members either pieced, quilted, or bound a quilt.
- Our quilting queens are: Cindy Holten, Debbie Syron, Judy Vogt, Irene DiRuscio, Nancy and John Rutkowski and Rita Nyhoff.
- Piecing Pros were: Sue Meyer, Debbie Syron and Carol Spindler
- The Binding Queen is definitely Judy Humphrey.
- Other major donations were the 25 quilts from Scraps. Many of you know, Scraps makes guilts for COK and the materials come from their own pockets

- a generous donation. Members of Scraps are:
   Fran Collins, Eliane Ezra, Cindy Holten, Terry
   Jacobi, Nancy Muskopf, Phyllis Nelson, Ivy
   Osborn, Nancy Peters and Sue Potter.
- We had 26 Sew Day volunteers and numerous Scrap bag cutters.
- Cover our Kids & More is a big job, but because of your contributing in some way: piecing, cutting, quilting, binding, donating anonymously, giving a word of encouragement and support, made this a fun, productive, and rewarding task for me.
- Lastly, serving as chair of COK has been a privilege and an honor. Thank you for your support, trust and generosity these past twp years. I am truly blessed.
- My thanks to you all.

#### Challenge Quilt: Challenge Committee

For those who had quilts in the Challenge, please follow these guidelines when submitting your quilt in the quilt show:

#### Complete Registration forms to turn in by Jan. 26.

- 1. Fill in the Fanfare of Quilts 2016 Registration Form as completely as possible, including attaching a photo of your Challenge quilt.
- 2. Check the box named "Number Challenge"
- Fill in the short "story" for ID label with your inspiration story. What do you want others to know about your quilt and about your inspiration page. Why did you do what you did? Include any special techniques you used if there is space.
- 4. Sign entry form where needed.

#### Turning in your Challenge quilts for the quilt show

A quilt drop off person will be contacting you about collecting all of your quilts for the show, including your Challenge quilt. Your inspiration page in its sleeve must be turned in too--just put it in the pillowcase along with your quilt.

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can I still turn in a Challenge quilt for the show even though mine wasn't quite finished for our September Challenge meeting?

A: Yes, yes, yes!

Q: If my Challenge quilt needs special handling (no folding, etc.) when it is turned in for our show, what should I do?

A: Contact Debbie Ernst or another member of our Challenge Committee--they will help you make arrangements for quilt delivery.

#### <u>Holiday Block Exchange: Lisa Marsden/Laura</u> Khoury/Nancy Turner

- We had a nice collection of 43 fabulous blocks for the block exchange. Thanks to all of those who participated.
- The winners of the blocks were: Jean Goldsberry, Roxann Jasper, Suzanne Mullaney, Merrily Woodford, Trisha Hill. We hope you enjoy your winning blocks...and maybe we'll see what you did with them next year....?

#### Holiday Party: Jan Oehrle & Debbie Miles

- Holiday Party Recap: And what a great party it
  was...wonderful cookies, good friends, fun
  games, lots of laughter, great songs, no snow, no
  ice, no rain. We all had fun. Thank you to all who
  helped the committee make it a success. We
  could not have done it without you.
- But, while we will remember all of the above, the best part of the evening was Debbie's wonderful poem (on Page 8). Enjoy reading it while preparing for our Quilt Expo in March.

#### Library: Kay Merz

- As the hustle and bustle of the holiday season ends and winter settles in, what a great time to look to the new year and ideas for 2016 quilting projects.
- As you think about that new quilting project or maybe an unfinished project for the upcoming quilt show, keep in mind that your Guild Library is a great quilting resource. Please check out the books and dvd's available under the "Member's Only" section of the Guild website under "Library".
- 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.
- Your Guild has provided these resources for all members and we encourage you to take advantage of these great tools.

#### Membership: Lisa Marsden and Laura Khoury

- We had 63 people in attendance at the November meeting. And to date, we have 168 members that have paid their 2015 Membership dues.
- Our November attendance prizes were won by Nancy Muskopf and Rita Nyhoff. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy them!
- It's Membership Renewal time and will take place at the January meeting. Please pay your dues by check or cash.
- 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!

 Remember to wear your badge. We have stick-on name tags at the membership table or you can order the engraved badges, which are \$10 and can be ordered in magnetic or pin backed styles. Remember the magnetic badges should not be worn with a pacemaker!

#### Media Resources

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
- Darla Gibson—Facebook and Yahoo Group
- Marsha Bray—Website

#### Programs for 2015 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- Mary Miller, Jean Goldsberry and I would like to express that it has been an honor to plan the Guild programs for the last two years. What a treat it has been to get to know so many more of our members and be "wowed" by their willingness to present a program, suggest speakers and topics or share a Quilter's Minute.
- Thanks to all of you for your participation, interest, and your support.

#### **Programs for 2016 Guild Meetings: Chris Williams**

- I'm looking forward to planning programs for 2016.
   I have a great committee: Polly King, Deborah Kramer, and Sue Meyer. So if you have an idea for a program or speaker, be sure to talk to us.
- Linda Waugh has graciously planned the <u>January</u> speaker. Jean Goldsberry will be presenting "Inspiration for a New Year of Quilting" - a great way to start 2016!
- In <u>February</u> we will be having Renee Dillard of Makanda Moon. Renee does hand wool, fibers art and pattern design. She specializes in hand dyed wools suitable for rug hooking, appliqué and quilting...more later.
- Candy and Wendy have arranged our <u>March program</u>: National speaker, Eileen Urbanek, of Quiltworks.
- And of course, we will be continuing the "Quilters Minute". Beginner quilter or master quilter, we'd love to hear from you! So please let us know if you would like to share your quilters story.
- Quilter's Minute: Sandy Sagan Program: Jean Goldsberry, "Inspiration for a New Year of Quilting"
- FEB 2 Quilter's Minute: TBD
   Program: Renee Dillsar of Makanda Moon

MAR 2 Quilter's Minute: TBD

<u>Program</u>: Eileen Urbaneck, of Quilt Works, a certified Judy Niemeyer teacher

# **FANFARE OF QUILTS 2016**

#### **Quilt Show Chair: Nancy Peters**

Just a few updates and reminders:

- First: Now that Marsha Bray's husband is retired, he has again volunteered to video tape our show. Thanks. Mac!
- Second: Remember that your Number Challenge inspiration page needs to be turned in with your quilt. However, you may turn it in earlier if that works out better for you.
- Third: If you have an antique quilt for the Bed Turning display, it needs to be turned in to Laurie Schrader or Jeanette Marcus at the January meeting along with your entry form.
- Fourth: Chris Williams will have the volunteer signup sheet at our January meeting. Please sign up for either set up or take down plus at least one work shift during the show.
- Fifth: Remember that our goal has always been to have every member represented at the show., Don't be afraid! This is only a Guild show, not an AQS juried show!
- And last but certainly not least: Start spreading the word about our 10<sup>th</sup> Fanfare of Quilts show!
- Thanks so very much for all your cooperation!

#### Raffle Quilt: Ginny Rainey

- "Blue Confetti" Display Locations:
  - No scheduled displays at this time.

#### Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Darla Gibson

- Through November we have sold 4,139 tickets for a total of \$3,612. There still is plenty of time before the quilt show to get your tickets in.
- The leaders for the most tickets sold are Chris Wiley and Carol Spindler at 144 tickets. Remember the more you sell, the more chance there is that one of the tickets you sell will be the winner. There is a table runner/wall-hanging that matches the raffle quilt that can be yours if you sell the winning ticket!
- We have about 91 members that have not returned their tickets. If you are one of them, please, please, sell the 24 tickets and return them to us as soon as possible. This is one of our biggest fund raisers to allow us to have great programs such as: COK and More, and our quilt show. This is one of those things that keeps our guild running.

We appreciate everyone's efforts! Thank you.
 Raffle Quilt Committee – Crazy Quilters

#### Charity Ticket Raffle: Jan Oehrle/Debbie Miles

- The Charity Raffle Hits a Home Run!!! The quilt show Charity Raffle made out like bandits at the November meeting. We received lots of wonderful donations, all of which are appreciated and have helped immensely in moving us toward our goal of eighty five to ninety items. We still have some distance to go but we know the Bits members will come through for the good cause we are supporting.
- As you all probably know, all proceeds from this
  effort will go to help sponsor Honor Flights for WW
  II veterans. There are fewer and fewer of these
  worthy souls left in the world every day. We need
  to do everything we can to show our appreciation
  while we still have the opportunity to do so.
- At any rate, Debbie Miles and I will welcome your donations at the December, January, and February meetings. If you are unable to come to one of those meetings and have a donation you wish to make, just call Debbie (314-629-5374) or me (Jan) (314-786-5471) and we will make arrangements to collect your item(s).
- The items that work best for us are table runners, placemats, lap quilts, children's quilts, potholders, bibs, fat quarters, quilting notions, books, patterns, thread, wall hangings, kits. . .the list goes on. If you have a question as to whether an item you wish to donate is an acceptable one, just ask.
- So thanks again to those who have generously donated so far, and thanks in advance to those who have us on their radar for future donations.
- P.S. If any of you have small or medium sized baskets you could donate, they would also be appreciated.

#### **Door Prize List: Wendy Richards**

- These donors have generously provided door prizes for our show.
  - CraftOptics Certificate for a complete set of custom telescopes -- valued at \$549.00 (This donation will be in the charity ticket raffle to benefit Honor Flight.) Check them out at <a href="http://craftoptics.com/">http://craftoptics.com/</a>

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#### Retreats

#### Toddhall (Columbia, IL): Susan Calzone

- Have you been wondering about the guild's retreats? Members work at their own pace on projects of their choice, easy to difficult, in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Retreaters share tips and tricks, oohs and ahhs, and plenty of snacks, including lots of chocolate. If you are interested in attending one of our retreats or have any questions please contact me.
- The following dates have been reserved.
  - June 8 12, 2016
  - January 25 29, 2017
- More detailed information can be found on our website at bitsnpiecesguild.com or at our yahoo groups site at bitsquilts@yahoogroups.com.
- Susan Calzone sesnowzone@charter.net

#### One-Day Retreat: Darla Gibson

 Please watch for additional information on the January Day Retreat.

#### Sunshine & Shadow: Linda Waugh

- Anne Perry Her husband was hospitalized last month and is currently recovering at home.
- <u>Jane Birge</u> a charter member of our Guild, died December 7.
- <u>Sandy Sagan</u> Her husband is having health issues.
- Bonnie Brown Her husband died December 7.
- <u>Caroline Pike</u> has dementia and is now living at Provision Living in Webster Groves.
- <u>Joy Schmitt</u> is caring for her mother who has had a stroke and has dementia.
- <u>Bernadette Delanney</u> Is recovering from minor surgery she had in December.

Please keep these members and their loved ones in your thoughts.

Please send any Sunshine & Shadow information to me: <a href="mailto:lkampwaugh@charter.net">lkampwaugh@charter.net</a> or phone me at 314 909 8559.

### Treasurer's Report: Jean Weber

- The Treasurer's Report is posted to the Yahoo Group each month and may be found on our website in the "Members Only" tab.
- The Reimbursement/Income form can also be found on our website in the "Members Only" tab.
- The Reimbursement/Income Submission form is used to document all money requests and helps to clarify transactions. The Treasurer, Jean Weber, will also have hard copies of the form at the monthly meetings.

#### Methods of Reimbursement/Income Submission:

- When submitting to the Treasurer in person:
  - Please complete a Reimbursement/Income form and attach your receipt.
- When submitting to the Treasurer by email:
  - Please include reason for payment, the total amount requested, and a scanned/attached file copy of the invoice and/or receipts. The reimbursement form is not needed for an emailed request.

#### Workshops by National Speakers: Wendy Richards

- MAR 22-23 Eileen Urbanek, a certified Judy Niemeyer teacher, will be our national speaker at the March 2016 meeting and will conduct a two day workshop on March 22-23.
- MAY 24-25, 2017 Becky Goldsmith will lecture at our May 2016 meeting and conduct a 2-day workshop on May 24 & 25.

#### **UFOs: Peggy Anderson**

• No updates at this time.

There were no Minutes available for the November 24, 2015 meeting.

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There is no President's Message for January 2016.

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# The Night Before Expo

(with apologies to Clement Moore)
By Debbie Miles

'Twas the night before Expo, and all through the hall There was nary a quilt hung on nary a wall. The quilters were stunned, they were shaking in fear, Convinced there would, alas, be no quilt show this year.

All those beautiful things that the members had sewn Had vanished from sight, had departed, had flown. And no one could guess where they'd gone to, or how, But they needed to find them right away and right NOW.

Then out in the street there arouse such a clatter, Anne Perry ran out to see what was the matter. Away to the front door she flew like a flash, (Her personal best in the hundred yard dash).

The moon that shown down on the parking lot snow Gave the luster of midday to the odd scene below. For what should be out there disturbing the peace But a large sewing box pulled by nine flying geese.

The little old soul who was perched on the top Came down to the ground with a quite dainty hop. Her coat was of patchwork, gloves covered in thread. A giant red pincushion sat on her head.

Her earrings were bobbins, and wound 'round her neck Was a ribbon of tools like a sewing room wreck. Wherever she stepped, the snow disappeared And turned into fabric. How awesome! How weird! She thought for a moment, and nodded her head, Then looked 'round the gathering crowd and she said, "I know this is vexing, I know this is scary, But I'm here to help, for I'm the Quilt Fairy.

"We've no time to waste, no, we've no time to lose, We must follow a plan, there are search teams to choose. You, Nancy, you Linda, you Traci and Cindy, You, Shirley, you Peggy, and you, Chris and Wendy,

"You'll be the team captains. Now divide up the rest And decide where you're going: east, north, south, or west. Follow all Drunkard's Paths, go down every Snail's Trail, Search every Log Cabin, every one without fail.

"To help you along, because time is so short, I'll give you some help of a magical sort." She reached in a bag full of trinkets and bling, And out popped a shining new huge Purple Thing. A sparkling mist danced when she waved it around.

And all of the teams rose up from the ground. With squeals of delight, but nary a rumpus, They flew to all points of the Mariner's Compass.

The magic worked quickly, the magic worked well.

For in no time at all, one search team gave a yell. The missing quilts lay in a room dark and chilled In the back of the home of a rival quilt guild.

"Oh, Shame on them! Shame!" said the angry Quilt Fairy.

"They must learn a lesson, right now, without tarry,

And so from now on, for each quilt-thieving witch,

I'll fix her machine so it won't sew a stitch."

With a flick of her wrist and a nod of her head The quilters turned 'round, and away they all sped.

With four hundred quilts they returned to the hall And hung them quite nicely along every wall.

They cheered the Quilt Fairy, they cheered without cease

As she climbed up to her box and revved up her geese.

And she called back to them, as she flew out of sight,

"Happy Expo to all! And to all a Good Night!"

- Debbie Miles & Jan Oerhle



# Huge Savings on Elna Sewing Machines

We have some truly fabulous deals on Elna sewing machines! The Quilted Fox is no longer an Elna dealer but we still have a very few brand new and floor model sewing machines in stock. These are priced to sell! We do want you to know that we will fully stand behind any machine we sell. Service is available and you will get as many lessons as you need to learn your new machine! Don't miss this opportunity for a truly great deal!

**Machines available:** (As we go to print, these are available but are subject to prior sale.)

*New in the box-*

720-- Originally \$2499--Now only \$1599

760--Originally \$4999--Now only \$3499

Floor Samples--

540-- Originally \$799--Now only \$529 (Great machine for retreats & classes)

760--Originally \$4999--Now only \$3099



# 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

Find our newsletter on our web page: www.quiltedfox.com



It is that time of year again for our one and only Executive Committee Meeting for 2016. It will be on January 12 at 7:00 pm at Salem

Methodist church and will not last longer than 9:00 pm.

If you are a member of the Executive Committee or are a Committee Chair, please plan on attending or let Anne Perry know that you will NOT be able to attend.

Ann Harbert

Cheryl Cobert

Chris Wiley

Cindy Holten

Cindy Neville

Elizabeth Holman-Goold

Kathy Young

Linda Biederman

Mary Miller

Nancy Turner

Sandy Wootten

Suzanne Gould

Wendy Richards

