

## Guild Program for February 25, 2014

### COLOR

#### YOUR BEST FRIEND OR YOUR WORST ENEMY?

Presented by Sandy Sagan

Let's explore  
Color Theory!

Build your  
confidence in your color  
choices.



Learn unique ways to  
spice up your color  
choices.

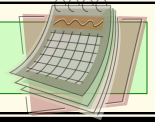
Make your own color  
choices and not some  
designer's coordinating  
fabric collection.

*Sandy is a life-long artist/educator. She was the Chairman of the junior and senior high schools fine arts programs at Valley Park School District for twenty years. While many of her students went on to study art at excellent colleges and universities, some students enjoyed art as a hobby, yet each developed an understanding and enjoyment of visual art. Sandy has also served as an adjunct faculty member at the Lindenwood University. She has written curriculum for the St Louis Art Museum and was one of the design board members for Metro 2000, an area wide effort to design new approaches for developing schools in the twenty-first century. She was Teacher of the Year for Valley Park and later received the Emerson Award for excellence in teaching. Sandy also received a 2003 National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to study at Columbia University in New York City.*

*An artist in her own right, Sandy has had a number of her art quilts recognized by the Hoffman Challenge. Her sculptures, drawings and paintings are included in a number of private collections.*



## MEETING MINUTES



### **28 January 2014**

The January Bits 'N' Pieces Quilt Guild meeting was called to order at 7PM by Judy Humphrey.

Minutes of the last meeting presented for approval. Corrections to the minutes were made by Susan Calzone pertaining to the shops that donated gifts to the COK drawings. The correction should read: The Shops that donated gifts for the COK drawings were In Stitches, Jackman's Fabrics, Janie Lou, and Susie Q Quilting. The minutes were moved and seconded for approval as amended.

Judy called for committee reports.

Vice President, Linda Waugh, reported that Mary Miller and Jean Goldsberry were part of the program team. The team had reviewed the survey of members wishes for various programs and will be using those ideas as they shape this year's presentations. Linda is introducing the "Quilter's Minute" as a way for members to get to know one another better. She said that it was amazing how much information one could convey in a minute.

Webmaster, Marsha Bray, reported that a Members Only page has been added to the website. This is a password protected page that provides membership lists, reimbursement forms, sign up sheets for quilt show volunteers, and other confidential items for the guild.

A call for volunteers to head up the following committees was made by Judy Humphrey. The Holiday Party Committee was graciously filled by Peggy Anderson and Louise Morris. Committee heads are still needed for Set Up, Retreat, and 2016 Quilt Raffle. Please let Judy know which you can assist with.

Judy recognized Merrily Woodford for her 4 years of service as Chairman of the Retreats.

Treasurer, Chris Wiley, reported that the audit of the guild's books found them to be in proper order, "right down to the penny." She presented the 2014 budget which included a new line item for equipment. Also, the Post Office Box has been discontinued. Salem Methodist Church is now allowing the guild to use their address. They will receive our mail and place it in a dedicated box in the mail room. Tracy Back moved to accept the 2014 budget and a unanimous approval was made by the membership.

Quilt Show Chairman, Nancy Sinise, stated that 39 1/2 vendors have signed contracts for the quilt show. Publicity bookmarks and fliers are available for members to distribute. Quilt show volunteer sign up sheets are ready on the website. Your participation makes your quilt show the best. Volunteers for quilt drop off are still needed, please contact Nancy Peters if you can help. Debbie Ernst asked that all raffle tickets and money be turned in at the February meeting. Two prizes will be awarded for the most tickets sold and to the person who sold the winning ticket. Donations are needed for the charity auction. Please turn in by the February meeting. This year's charity is Honor Flight. Halle Bone will be the on sight appraiser for this year's show. You may have her appraise your quilt that is hanging in the show.

Membership, Lisa Marsden, announced that 2014 dues are now due. Arrangements are being made for new name tags with the redesigned logo.

National speakers, Wendy Richards, announced that Susan Cleveland will be this year's speaker and workshop presenter, date to be determined. Sign up sheets will be available for

the workshop at February's meeting.

COK, Chris Williams, thanked Susan Calzone for her devoted work heading COK for the past two years. Chris needs one or two volunteers to help with the coordination of the program. Please contact Chris to help. Don't forget Sew Day has been changed to February 15, at Colbert Associates. Please contact Chris for more information (636) 256-9043.

UFOs, Mary Lou Melkowsky, presented awards to those who finished the most UFOs in 2013, first place was Darla Gibson finished 15 quilts and Peggy Knight and Bernice Dodge tied for second with each finishing 14 quilts. Most square inches finished first place was awarded to Peggy Knight, second place was awarded to Darla Gibson, and third was awarded to Bernice Dodge. A quilt started in 2000 was the oldest quilt finished and Marilyn Fallert received that award. Twenty two of the forty plus members who signed up last January completed at least one UFO. Sign ups are now being taken for those UFOs that you hope to finish for this year's competition.

Eighty four members and four guests were in attendance. Attendance prizes were a \$10 gift certificate to Jackman's Fabrics and Tips for Quilters from Old Country Store, Lancaster, PA., available online. Our program "Tools of the Trade" was presented by Candy Grisham. Her list of items and their various uses is available on the Members Only page on the Bits and Pieces website.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sandy Sagan





## President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

We had 84 members and 4 guests at the last meeting. And because of the much anticipated, "Tools of the Trade" program, by Candy Grisham, everyone was scrambling for a chair. But I do think everyone did eventually find a seat. However, I've called the Church and they will look into bringing up some more chairs for our meetings.

Candy Grisham's "Tools of the Trade" program and "musical bag" game was very well received. I think everyone enjoyed participating and learning about the many items found in hardware stores and other unlikely places that make for great "quilting" tools. If you didn't attend this meeting, you missed a very informative and fun program.

Although almost all of the committee chair positions have been filled, there still is a need to fill these three positions immediately: the Meeting Set Up/Take Down Chair, the Todd Hall Retreat Chair, and the 2016 Raffle Quilt Chair.

**Meeting Set Up/Take Down Chair** Having a chairperson doing this has greatly helped free me up to work on preparing other items for the meeting. If you could see yourself helping in this position please let me know.

**Retreat Chair** is a huge position. Bits has two retreats a year. The next retreat is in June. I know that Merrily Woodford would be happy to guide anyone through the process. You do not have to provide programs or such, just manage the number of people attending and coordinating the details with Todd Hall—(one of the most accommodating organization to work with.) Unfortunately, I must say that if we don't get a Chair soon, the retreat may have to be cancelled.

**2016 Raffle Quilt Chair**—The guild really needs to start thinking about our next Raffle Quilt. I know that sounds too far into the future, but there is a lot of planning that goes into these stunning quilts, which our guild is known for. So start talking to each other and see if we can come up with a chair and group to make the raffle quilt for 2016.

Our quilt show is just around the corner and hopefully all the quilts you are entering are finished. Be sure to start telling your family and friends the dates and time of the show and consider sending out an email to everyone on your email list as well! Remember... ***Word of Mouth*** is the best advertizing we have.

Judy Humphrey  
President





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### AQS: Marian Collins

- The AQS chair delivered one order at the January meeting. If anyone wishes to place an order, please call or email and I will try to accommodate you.

### COK and More: Chris Williams

- 2014 is going to be a busy year. The year started a little more slowly probably because we are all finishing up quilts for the Quilt Show. However, we did receive a donation of 4 finished quilts and some fabric, the baggie block box was emptied, 2 quilts were taken for quilting, and 1 kit was taken for completion. There will be plenty more kits and baggies for quilting and piecing at the next meeting.
- **FEB 15**—The first Sew Day was scheduled for February 1, due to threatened icy weather, then postponed to February 15. If the change of date is better for you, you are welcome to attend. The location is the same, Cobert Associates. A notice with the change of date and other information will be put on the website. Call me if you have questions or want to attend. We do have plenty of room for more helping hands.
- **MAR 29**—The second Sew Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 29. A couple of weeks after the quilt show so you should all be rested up.
- Susan Calzone – and you – did an outstanding job last year with the Bits members producing well over 400 quilts for donation to various organizations. You are all to be commended for your efforts. Now, on to a new year; the need for your talents and generosity has not changed. If you should perchance be looking for a new project before the next meeting, give me a call. I'm sure I can find a kit or other project to fill your time. Chris Williams -636-256-9043.

### Membership: Lisa Marsden

- Thanks to everyone for your cooperation during the renewal process at the January Meeting. We will have everything available for you at the February Meeting if you were unable to complete this process in January.
- 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!
- We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to Old Country Store Fabrics for donating a wonderful book, and to Amy Jackman-Green for a Jackman's gift certificate for our attendance prizes!
- Our attendance prizes were won by Bonnie Paulsmeyer and Candy Grisham. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy them!

- 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 pacemaker!
- We had 87 people in attendance at the January meeting, 4 of these were guests -- Alicia Bolte, Kelly Wyne, Charleen Helgesen, and Sharon Skyles.
- To date, 93 people have renewed their membership for 2014.

### Mini Groups

- 2014 Schedules for the Mini Groups can be found on our website under the tab, "Mini Groups".

### Media Resources: Darla Gibson/Cindy Holten/Marsha Bray

Our guild uses many forms of media in order to provide you with the most updated information: Newsletter, Facebook, Yahoo Group, Website.. The following are the names of the coordinators and their respective media.

#### Facebook/Yahoo: Darla Gibson:

- All items (announcements, events, etc.) that you wish to have appear in the guild's Facebook or in our Yahoo Group, please submit to Darla Gibson.

**Facebook:** - Please "Like" us so you get all the news and updates right to your Facebook page!

**Yahoo:** - If there are any issues with receiving email communications through Yahoo or if you have changed your email address, please let Darla Gibson know at [ddgibby@charter.net](mailto:ddgibby@charter.net).

#### Newsletter Cindy Holten

- All items (announcements, reports, events, etc.) that you wish to have appear in the newsletter, please submit to Cindy Holten.
- Submissions for the **March** newsletter are due: **Saturday, March 1.** Please email your submissions to Cindy Holten at [cmholten@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmholten@sbcglobal.net).

#### Website Marsha Bray

- All items (photos, links, news items, updates, etc.) that you wish to have appear on our website, please submit to Marsha Bray at [marshabray@yahoo.com](mailto:marshabray@yahoo.com).

### Programs for 2014 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- At the January meeting, Linda introduced "The Quilter's Minute". She explained that it is a way for members to better get to know each other. At the meeting a member will introduce herself and talk about what she loves about quilting—all within a minute. Linda said it's amaz-







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ing how much you can say in a minute. Members will get to know you and you will have shared what you love—your hobby of quilting.

- **FEB 25**—Sandy Sagan, Color; Kathy Young, Quilter's Min.
- **MAR 25**—Art and Wanda Kruse, She Does-He Does-They Both Quilt
- **APR 22**—TBD
- **MAY 27**—Susan Cleveland. Mark your calendars for May 27, 28, and 29. Susan Cleveland will present a lecture at the guild meeting, to be followed with workshops on Wednesday and Thursday. We do not know the specific lecture or specific workshops, but we are considering making evening workshops available. More information to come soon.

### 2014 Quilt Show Announcements:

- **Quilt Show Notes: Nancy Sinise**

### **Knock, knock...**

Who's there?

Sewin'.

Sewin' who?

Sewin' just a few weeks we will ALL be ready for the Quilt Show! Right?!?

- Please find and/or make something for the Charity Ticket Raffle. Candy says that as of now there are not enough items to fill even a quarter of the booth space, and that just won't do. Honor Flight is such a wonderful charity and a great way for us to support our veterans.
- More than previous years - 39 1/2 vendor booth spaces rented! Get ready for all the interesting, stimulating and inspiring gadgets, books and fabrics to help you get started on your future projects - and sewn on a new machine...
- Maybe you will win the Babylock Embroidery/Sewing machine donated by Jackman's Fabrics! Or maybe I will win...
- Over 400 quilts have been registered for the show! Now get them finished (with sleeves, please.)
- The quilt database is being filled in as you read this. The information from the forms is used to print the show tag labels and also the quilt info part of the program. Plus it's collated into lists for the judges so they can find all "objects d'art" for the very hard decisions of who gets to take home the beautiful ribbons and awards.

- More than half the volunteer positions were filled at the January guild meeting - you are such a great group! Look on the Bits website in the member section to see what times are still available if you still need to sign up, or would like to help out even more, then email Chris Williams.
- Publicity about the show is in many magazines, newspapers, websites and shops. If you think of somewhere else that would help get the word out, tell Mary Miller or go ahead and spread the word. Remember that the flyer and bookmark PDFs are on the website for you to print or attach to emails to anyone and everyone!
- You will be contacted by your very own 'quilt drop-off person' with directions and times. All quilts will need to be clean (shoo kitty!) and in a pillow-type case with your name, address and phone number when you take it to her.
- Bed Turning Antique quilts need to be turned in earlier - now even - so their story can be composed.
- I know I've left out something, so call or email me if you have questions.
- Thank each and every one of you so much for all your work in making this show go together so easily!! (knock on wood - right?)
- **Ticket Charity Raffle-Honor Flight: Candy Grisham**
  - I need more items for our Charity auction at the quilt show to benefit Honor Flight. Please bring items to the February meeting. If your item is small I may bundle several together in a basket. Thank you.
- **Publicity: Mary Miller**
  - All Bits 'n' Pieces members can go the bitsnpiecesguild.com website, then click on the Quilt Show tab and scroll down a little and download the flyer for the upcoming Fanfare of Quilts 2014 quilt show (Copy and paste this into your browser: <http://www.bitsnpiecesguild.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2014-QS-Flyer.pdf>.)
  - Members can post the jpeg file to their facebook page and make copies for posting at their work or church.
- **Queenly Park Decorations: Nellie Mueller**
  - The Queenly Park bldg lobby will be decorated for spring, as in 2012. We would appreciate it if members could bring (to the February 25 meeting) any spare artificial flowers they happen to have for our 10 centerpieces. Unfortunately, I can't guarantee they will be returned. This worked so well at our last show, saving us money that could be spent on other Fanfare of Quilts' expenses.





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Gratefully....

- **Volunteer Schedules and Forms: Chris Williams -**

- I have created the Volunteer Schedule Sheets and a Volunteer Sign Up Form, both of which can be found on our website. The Volunteer Schedule Sheets will be updated every Monday.
- Please contact Chris with any Volunteer Time and Task slots preferences. **Chris Williams –**  
[cwwill@earthlink.net](mailto:cwwill@earthlink.net)
- If you have questions/comments, please call Chris Williams at 636-256-9043. You may leave a message and she will return your call.

- **Raffle Quilt Schedule: Terry Rhodes and Debbie Ernst**

- Here is an update to our raffle quilt's traveling schedule:
  - **FEB 1:** Quilter's Station, Lee's Summit, MO
  - **FEB 4-23:** Susie Q's, St. Charles, MO
  - The full schedule can be found on our website.
  - Please return all raffle tickets at the February meeting. The committee needs both sold and unsold tickets returned.
  - Now, if you are still actively selling tickets please keep a few for those sales. However, if you won't be selling them, the committee would like to have them returned so we can use them at the show rather than printing more.
  - Also, if you have already sold them, bring in the ticket stubs for the drawing. We want to make sure that all these tickets are in the bin for the drawing!
  - Things will get a little hectic at the show so we want to take care of this business ahead of time.
  - If you have any questions, please contact Terry Rhodes [duffersrus@att.net](mailto:duffersrus@att.net).

- **Retreats (Todd Hall) : Merrily Woodford:**

- Hi Quilting Sisters, I must resign as retreat chairperson so we are looking for someone to take over the position. It's not really difficult and a lot of fun! I'll put together a file of information and hints to help you. Please give this serious consideration. Thanks so very much.
- The following are the 2014 Todd Hall retreat dates and (Halls):
  - JUN 3-8, 2014 (Blackburn)

- **Sunshine & Shadow: Peggy Knight**

- Please call Peggy Knight at 636-227-8211 to let her know of any announcements and that a card needs to be sent to a guild member.

### **Treasurer's Report: Chris Wiley**

- **Reimbursement / Income Form**—This form has all the information needed to submit to the Treasurer and may be found on the Guild website ([bitsnpiecesguild.com](http://bitsnpiecesguild.com)). Go to "Guild Forms and Flyers" tab and it is the first form listed. The form can also be found under the Quilt Show tab. You can also get a hardcopy from Chris Wiley at the Guild meeting or contact her (M-F) at [wileyce@kjww.com](mailto:wileyce@kjww.com).

### **UFOs: Mary Lou Melkowski**

- We are starting a new year of the UFO challenge. A UFO is an unfinished project. It is something that you have started but never finished. The first step to finishing those projects is knowing what you have tucked away on shelves, in drawers, in boxes, under beds, in the closet or who knows where. List all those unfinished projects. You will be surprised at how many you actually have. Pick an easy one to start with. It feels really good to finish something that has been around a long time.
- Don't forget to look at your really old UFOs. This year we want to see who completes the oldest one. There are some 20, 30 or even more years old. Let's finish those poor things. They have been neglected and waiting for a long time.
- Don't forget to turn your list in at the Feb. meeting. February is the deadline for turning in your list. If you are unable to attend the Feb. meeting, let me know by email and I will accept your list in March.



## Tools of the Trade

Many fabulous suggestions from the Guild's members created a great resource for everyone to find "Tools of the Trade".

These "tools" that we use in our sewing rooms were found in hardware stores, fishing tackle boxes, and many other "non-quilting" places.

For the complete list of "Tools of the Trade" that

Candy re-  
January  
found on

ferred to at the  
meeting can be  
our website.





***We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by.***

***- Will Rogers***

In Honor of Our Veterans, the Honor Flight Network was created as a way of paying a small tribute to those who gave so much--a memorable, safe, and rewarding Tour of Honor.

Some of us have fathers, grandfathers, spouses, friends, and relatives who are living veterans. Please help our guild show our honor, pride, and support for these veterans.

If **every single guild member** would contribute just one item, we could possibly make this the biggest and best charity raffle ever. Our veterans gave so much for us, please give just a little of your time for them.

Suggested items for the Charity Raffle:

- Small wall hangings
- Table runners
- Small pillows
- Small totes or bags
- Gold Star Banner
- Small quilted "flag" blocks
- Small cases and covers for iPads, iPods, other electronics.
- Small wallets
- Water Bottles totes
- Sewing accessories: pincushion, needle caddy, iron cozy, small ironing pad, etc.
- Whatever you may have that is appropriate for this Charity.





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### QUILT SHOW CHECKLIST

- ✓ Submitted my registration forms.
- ✓ Signed up to volunteer at the Show.
- ✓ Sewed sleeves on all quilts.
- ✓ Sewed labels on all quilts/items.
- ✓ Have Name, Address, Phone and Assigned Number on pillowcase.
- ✓ Have dropped off quilts/items at the Drop Off Coordinator's.
- ✓ Have a quilt or quilted item in the Show.
- ✓ Contributed a quilted or appropriate item for the Charity Raffle.

### MINI GROUPS

If interested in joining or visiting one of these mini groups, please contact the Coordinator for schedules, meeting times and locations, and all other questions. The schedules for each of the mini groups can also be found on our website.

#### **A-TEAM**

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30a.m.

**Contact: Debbie Ernst – 636 537 9030**

#### **ART BITS**

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the mo from 2-4 pm

**Contact: Wendy Richards-636 394 9250**

#### **THE COMPANY**

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning of the month at  
9:30 am

**Contact: FRAN COLLINS - 636 329 1860**

#### **CRAZY QUILTERS**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

**Contact: Darla Gibson – 636 939 2504**



### **February Babies**

*Carol Valenta*

*Charlene Martin*

*Irene DiRuscio*

*Jeanette Marcus*

*Judith Hoffman*

*Melinda Jackson*

*Peggy Anderson*





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### QUILT SHOW VENDORS

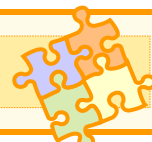
Jean Weber and Nancy Hopkins, the Coordinators of the Quilt Show Vendors, provided this list of vendors that have contracted to be in the show. So far a total of 39 1/2 booths have been rented.

This list, as well as the current Door Prize Donors that Wendy Richards has provided, can be found on our website.

Nice work, ladies!

VENDOR	CITY	STATE	PRODUCT
Abbey Sewing Centers	St. Louis	MO	
Blackberry Patch Quilt Shop	Nesbit	MS	
Claude's Country Threads	Stover	MO	
Connie's Quilts	Kirkwood	MO	Quilted Items
Cucire	Overland Park	KS	Fine Fabrics & Notions
Dbarj Quilts	Rockville	MO	
Farmland Quilting & Embroidery	Greenville	IL	
Gateway Quilts & Stuff, Inc.	Beaufort	MO	
Innova Longarm/Hunter Heirloom Quilting	Centerview	MO	Long Arm Quilting Machines
Jackman's Fabrics	St. Louis	MO	Fabric
JanieLou Quilts	Kirkwood	MO	
Linda Thias Sachs	St. Louis	MO	Hand Knit Apparel
Merrily We Sew Along	Chesterfield	MO	
Mexico Sewing Center	Mexico	MO	
MG Designs	Wildwood	MO	Home Dec
Nancy Ballhagen's Puzzles	Lebanon	MO	Puzzles
Nolting Longarm	Hiawatha	IA	Long Arm Quilting Machines
Odds & Ends	Benton	KY	
O'Dell House	Marshall	MO	Patterns, Fabrics
Phil's Sewing Machines	Washington	MO	
Piece Mill Quilters	Chesterfield	MO	
Quilted Memories Quilt Shop	Overland Park	KS	
Stitches N Color	St. Louis	MO	Embroidery
Stony Crest Quilt Books	Kansas City	MO	Books
Winston's Sewing Center	St. Louis	MO	





### THE QUILTED FOX



*Travel with The Quilted Fox  
to the AQS Quilt Show in Paducah  
April 23 - 26, 2014*

The bus goes down in the morning and returns that evening. There will be a bus each day of the show. Sign up now to hold your seat!

Let us do all the driving for only \$51 per person!

- 400+ beautiful quilts in the AQS Quilt Contest
- 400+ vendor booths
- Visit the Quilt Museum

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**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](http://www.quiltedfox.com)

