

Guild Program for March 22, 2016



Get Re-Excited!

With Eileen Urbanek

Eileen Urbanek is a quilting instructor from the State of Texas. She has been teaching for shops and guilds in the areas around Dallas and beyond for the last eight years.

She first became interested in Judy Niemeyer's patterns when she realized how organized the sewing process was. Eileen said, "I am always thinking of how to do things easier, quicker, smarter, etc., and with Judy's technique, it is evident that she

works that way also. I "got" her technique right from the beginning and had a hard time putting the project down."

Her first project with Judy was the Amazon Star in the summer of 2009, which she finished in two weeks, and has been completing project after project ever since! Being an instructor herself, she sees quilts the way Judy sees them. As she makes the project, she works through how it should be taught to students. With every finished project, she has a plan for passing it along to others so they can learn to do it as well. Since she became a Certified Instructor in 2010, she has used over 40 different "Judy" patterns to complete 116+ projects using Judy's patterns.

Her teaching background is strong, her understanding of Judy's techniques is spot on, and her interest and excitement for sharing the information with others is energizing. Check out www.quiltworx.com/instructors/eileen-urbanek/.

She will also be doing a two-day workshop, March 23 and 24, 2016, "Pick a Pattern". Using the Quiltworx pattern list, participants can work on their own projects with her guidance. Cost for the two day workshop is \$75. Limited to 20 participants. Contact Wendy Richards at whoob@aol.com or 636-394-9250.

MEETING MINUTES

23 February 2016

President Anne Perry called the meeting to order at 6:57pm.

The president announced that newsletter submissions are due Friday, February 26, 2016 at 5 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of 1/26/2016. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Wendy Richards announced that the workshop scheduled March 23-24, 2016 has two openings. She also announced that there will be fabric-dyeing workshops on the Wednesday and Thursday following the September meeting. Anyone interested can sign up starting tonight.

President Perry handed out thank-you gifts to members for their 2015 services to the guild as follows: Vice-President Linda Waugh, Secretary Sandy Sagan, Challenge Chair Roxanne Jasper, Christmas Block and Membership Co-Chairs Lisa Marsden and Laura Khoury, COK Chair Chris Williams, Party Co-Chairs Jan Oehrle and Debbie Miles, and UFO Chair Bernice Dodge.

Chris Williams announced that 32 Quilt Show volunteer positions are still open. Sign up will be accepted in person tonight or online. She will send email reminders approximately three days before the Quilt Show to all volunteers. She also asked for volunteers to set up for regular monthly meetings and help with speakers and show and tell.

Sue Meyer presented the quilter's minute.

Chris Williams introduced speaker Renee Dillard who presented a program titled, "From Roots to Wings".

Quilt Show Chair Nancy Peters announced she has the drop off packets for the drop-off volunteers. She asked that the volunteers contact their people by March 1. She asked that all members and volunteers use the upper parking lot and leave lower lot for guests.

Nancy thanked the set-up volunteers and

asked that they bring step stools, wire cutters, and spouses, and wear comfortable shoes. Over 400 quilts were submitted for the show but not all will be displayed. She asked that the Barn Quilts be brought in Friday, March 18, 2016.

Publicity Chair Sarah Stevens announced that the committee has bookmarks and that additional bookmarks can be printed out from the website. She thanked everyone for getting the word out.

Nancy Peters announced that an "In Memoriam" section will be handled by Bernice Dodge. She also asked members to consider chairing the next quilt show.

Wendy Richards announced that Anne Hazelwood will do quilt appraisals. Appointments for appraisals can be made online.

Break at 8:20pm.

Meeting called back to order at 8:30pm.

COK Chair Louise Morris announced that the sew day was attended by fourteen members. She announced another sew day for Saturday, February 27, 2016 9-4 am at Salem Church. She asked for attendees to sign up so she could get a count for supplies and snacks. She has changed the ribbon system. She asked for a volunteer to be the baggy block coordinator for June. Sue Meyer will be the coordinator for April. Louise has placed a suggestion box at the COK table. She is in need of backing fabric and announced that the Coke challenge has been put on hold.

Block of the Month committee members showed two quilt tops. The block of the month will not be a mystery. The 1st block pattern will be available at the March meeting and subsequent block patterns will be available for a total of 12 months. There will be a raffle at the end of 12 months for a quilt top.

Membership Chair Judy Humphrey announced that 104 people were in attendance. Two attendance prizes were awarded.

UFO Chair Peggy Anderson announced that UFO lists should be turned in tonight. Prizes will be awarded for number of projects and total square inches.

Day Retreats Chair Darla Gibson asked that

members wanting to attend the April 9 retreat email her.

Many members participated in show and tell.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Like many of you, I try to find time to quilt and occasionally I have the time, but it's hard to find the motivation.

Reading blogs, I find that other quilters have some motivation issues. Here are some realistic tongue and cheek reasons why quilting is good for us.

1. Quilters are kind and nurturing.
2. My block is not wrong, I used improvisational piecing.
3. A new "design element" is always a good rationale.
4. There are no calories in quilting.
5. It's better than house work.
6. I can hide in my quilt space, it's so messy no one dares to enter.
7. The wine in my quilt space is better than the whine about dinner.
8. Quilting is exercise. Try telling a quilter who is down on his or her knees basting a quilt that it is not exercise! Carrying all that fabric is aerobic exercise. In fact looking at all the new fabric gets our hearts racing.
9. Touching fabric is a great way to reduce stress.
10. Our quilts are the window to our creativity, compassion, and integrity.

Anne Perry
President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COK and More: Louis Morris

- Cover our Kids had a very productive February with 26 completed quilts turned in. Added to last month's tally, our running total is 37 quilts, not a bad start for a quilt show year! In addition we had 20 quilt tops donated, along with over 10 yards of great fabric. Debbie Briscoe accounted for half the donated tops, thank you Debbie! She also brought in 60 baggies of 16 squares to a block precuts which we will put out in March.
- Out of 19 kits put out on the table, a little ambitious, 11 were taken home to be pieced, quilted or bound. Lisa Marsden turned in 3 completed quilt tops from her January baggie blocks and all of Cindy Pfotenhauer's February baggie blocks were signed out. We are on a roll! Our January sew day had 14 in attendance with 6 quilt tops completed, and many more to be taken home and finished. Lots of fabric was also cut to make an easy task out of assembling a new top or two. We have 12 signed up for a late February sew day on Saturday, the 27th.
- One thing I have decided to do this year is to send every kit out with everything that is needed to complete the quilt. This includes all precut pattern pieces to be sewn into blocks (green ribbon) or completed blocks to be sewn with sashing and borders into a completed top (yellow ribbon), batting, backing, binding, label with placement instructions, sewing and laundering guidelines, contact information for questions and a washed sticker. While this is a little more time consuming on the front end, it saves valuable time later on. Some like to take a kit and complete it from start to finish. While you are certainly never expected to do this, should you ever want to, it's all there. There is a risk, of course, of misplacing some of the contents of the kits, so please try and keep it all together. Sending kits out like this enables me to receive an unfinished kit at the start of a meeting and simply change the ribbon color and put it back on the table. I will put all ribbon color explanations on the website in the near future.
- Sue Meyer and The Company will be our Baggy Block Coordinators for April and then our COK Challenge will be revealed the following month. Stay tuned.
- Someone at the last meeting left a bag of fabric for donation at the table and never signed it in. I didn't see who it was and it reminds me to tell you to please make sure you sign in (or out) everything you bring (or take). I want you to get credit for everything you do or donate.
- Finally, I am working on an easier way for donated quilts to be dropped off after show and tell. I realize everyone is ready to make a quick exit after the meeting. See you at the Quilt Show - and some of you at Saturday's sew day.

Library: Kay Merz

- 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: Bernadette Delannay/Candy Grisham/Judy Humphrey

- This meeting 26 members renewed and we welcomed a new member Nancy J. Horn.
- New members are receiving a heart with their label so anyone could recognize them as new to the guild and have the opportunity to make them feel welcomed.
- They also will receive a brochure explaining the basic information like the mini-groups, how to join the yahoo group, etc.
- Our attendance prizes were won by Francine Biollat and one of our new members from January, Elsie Winstaed. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy them!
- We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to the Quilted Fox for donating items for our attendance prizes!!
- We had 104 people in attendance at the February meeting including 1 guess.
- To date for 2016, 153 people have renewed their membership or became a new member.
- 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. 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!

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

Mini Group Announcements

The Company—Phyllis Nelson

- **Our 2016 Schedule** - All Bits Members are invited to join us:
 - March 17 - Lunch at The Wolf at Clayton and Kehrs Mill Rd.
 - April 21 - Make Baggy Blocks at Sue Meyer's home.



COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

- May 19 - Visit Calico Moon Quilt Shop in Lebanon, Illinois.
- June 16 - Trip to Hickory Stick, Hannibal, MO.

Programs for 2016 Guild Meetings: Chris Williams

- **MAR 22** Quilter's Minute: Peggy Anderson
Program: Eileen Urbanek, of QuiltWorx, a certified Judy Niemeyer teacher, trunk show.
- **APR 26** Quilter's Minute: Carol Lovelace
Program: Janie Lou, of Janie Lou Quilt Shop in Kirkwood, MO, Opening a Quilt Store from Inspiration to Execution.
- **MAY 24** Quilter's Minute: Amanda Edwards
Program: TBA
- **JUN 28** Program: Salad Supper
- **JUL 26** Program: Christmas in July
- **AUG 23** Quilter's Minute: TBA
Program: TBA

FANFARE OF QUILTS 2016

Quilt Show Chair: Nancy Peters

It's almost here! Our 10th Fanfare of Quilts!

We will exhibit more than 400 magnificent quilts from 95 Guild members! So spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors!

Thanks it all who helped with the show by either serving on the Quilt Show Committee, entering quilts, working at the show, publicizing the show and/or selling Raffle Quilt tickets!

Whatever your "job" was, know that Fanfare of Quilts would not be possible without your help.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Door Prize List: Wendy Richards

- These donors have generously provided door prizes for our show:
 - **Blank Quilting** - selection of fat quarters and charm packs www.blankquilting.com
 - **Coats & Clark** - A box full of spools of thread (We will divide in plastic bags for use as door prizes.) <http://www.makeitcoats.com>
 - **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 <http://craftoptics.com/>

- **Kona Bay** - 10 Shadowland Quilt Books www.konabay.com
- **Oifa** — little cutting mat and cutter, 6 1/2 sq ruler and literature for info table— www.oifa.com
- **Quilt Gate** - Two 12-piece fat quarter bundles www.quilt-gate.com
- **Quilting Treasures** - selection of fat quarters and literature for info table www.quiltingtreasures.com
- **Red Rooster Fabrics** - 1 fat quarter stack www.redroosterfabrics.com
- **Robert Kaufman** - 2 Half-Rolls (20 piece rolls) of fabric www.robertkaufman.com
- **Wooden Bear** - 10 Patternlets and 4 stand-up pouch patterns www.thewoodenbear.com
- **YLI** - Certificate for 4 spools of thread www.ylicorp.com

*** Fanfare of Quilts 2016 ***

Retreats

Toddhall (Columbia, IL): Susan Calzone

- Two four night, five day 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, easy to difficult, in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Retreaters share tips and tricks, oohs and ahs, and plenty of snacks, including lots of chocolate. The cost varies based on a few retreat options, for example a double occupancy room versus single occupancy room, and a few other variables, but a rough estimate is \$75 to \$100 per night, which includes meals. If you are interested in attending one of our retreats or have any questions please contact me.
Susan Calzone sesnowzone@charter.net
- The next two retreats are June 7 – 11, 2016 and January 17 – 21, 2017.
- Detailed information can be found on our website at bitsnpiecesguild.com under the 'Special Events' tab

One-Day Retreat: Darla Gibson

- There will be a One-Day Retreat, Saturday April 9, at the West County Fire Station. \$10 fee, lunch included. Details to follow.

Sunshine & Shadow: Linda Waugh

- Shadow:
 - Barbara Gambrel lost her dear husband, David, on February 14, Valentine Day.



- Mary Miller's mother-in-law passed away Valentine Day evening.
- Sunshine:
 - Polly King became engaged to her sweetheart on Valentine Day.

Please contact me with any information for Sunshine and Shadow: Linda Waugh---lkampwaugh@charter.net or 314-909-8559.

Treasurer's Report: Jean Weber

- All quilt show expenses must be approved by Nancy Peters, Show Chair, prior to submission to the Treasurer.
- Please follow these procedures when submitting income/expenses:
 1. Original receipts must be submitted – no photocopies.
 2. Receipts for re-imbursement should consist of only items purchased for the guild. Please 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, please submit these on separate forms.
- The Reimbursement/Income form can also be found on our website in the "Members Only" tab.
- The Treasurer's Report is posted to the Yahoo Group each month and may be found on our website in the "Members Only" tab.
- Please call or contact me with questions. Thank you so much for your cooperation. It is greatly appreciated.

Workshops by National Speakers: Wendy Richards/Candy Grisham

- **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

- It's not too late to sign up for the UFO competition! The deadline to enter this year's competition has been extended to our next meeting on March 22, 2016. The forms can be found on our website under Special Events. It's a fun, easy way to be motivated to get those unfinished projects done.

March Birthdays

Debbie Akin

Jan Oehrle

Jeri Wagner

Kathy Buff

Mary Ann Anderson

Nancy Sinise

Pat Cole

Rosemary Hopkins

Zeynep Austill





THE QUILTED FOX

Travel with The Quilted Fox to the AQS Quilt Show April 20, 21, 22, or 23, 2016

Paducah is a Mecca for quilters and quilt enthusiasts during the American Quilter's Society Annual Quilt Show & Contest.

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! It's only \$52 per person which covers the bus. Meals and show entrance are on your own. Call now to reserve your seat! 314-993-1181.

2015 St. Louis Metro Shop Hop

This year's theme is "Welcome Home"! The shop hop hosts are 6 quilt shops located on both the Missouri and Illinois side of the greater St. Louis area.

**The dates of the 2014 Shop Hop
are: March 31, April 1, 2 & 3.**

Shop Times are: Thur & Fri 10am-6pm, Sat
10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-4pm

**Don't forget your passport!
Pick it up at any
participating shop.**

Prizes Include: A retreat to Todd Hall for you and friends, Gift Certificates from each shop, Sample blocks, gift bags, books, patterns, notions, fabrics and so much more!!

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

QUILT SHOWS

April 15-17, 2016 - Missouri Fiber Artists Conference, "Get Your Fiber Kicks on Route 66"

A huge variety of fiber workshops, demos, style shows, critiques, lectures, vendors and much more. Go to missourifiberartists.org for details and to download the registration form. This conference is a must for those who love fiber and being part of a caring community. Held at **Holiday Inn St. Louis SW**, 10709 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63127

June 3rd & 4th / 10:00 am to 5:00 pm , 2016 Tulsa Quilt show. Tulsa Fairgrounds / Central Park Bldg. / 21st & Yale. If you are interested in joining the fun you are welcome to visit our website (GreenCountryQuiltersGuild.com) or call one of our Co-chairs for more details:

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