

Guild Program for March 25, 2014

She Goes He Goes - They Both Quilt! **Art and Wanda Kruse**

Art and Wanda Kruse were born into families that sewed. Art started sewing at the age of 13 and Wanda as soon as she could hold a needle.

Art and Wanda met at a square dance, have been dancing ever since, and make many of their dance costumes. Wanda has taught quilting classes in piecing and appliqué. Together they lecture on topics such as color, fabric choices, hanky quilts, and how guys and gals can both quilt while living in the same house. They each have their own style of quilting and have shared the sewing room over their 21 years of blissful married life.

Both Art and Wanda are juried quilt artists and Wanda won awards at the 2013 Quintessential Quilt Show. They have held several offices in Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild as well as local dance organizations.

Wanda has 3 cats and Art has a dog, a combination that makes for a lively household. They reside in an 1859 farm house in Kirkwood, MO.



MEETING MINUTES



25 March 2014

Bits and Pieces Quilt Guild Meeting, February 25, 2014

President Judy Humphrey called the February 25, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Vice President Linda Waugh introduced Quilter's Minute speaker Kathy Young. She then introduced Sandy Sagan. Sandy presented her "Color, Your Best Friend or Your Worst Enemy" program.

Judy Humphrey asked for corrections and additions to the minutes of the January meeting. Merrily Woodford noted that her last name was misspelled. The Secretary apologized and will correct the January minutes. The minutes were approved with correction.

Judy called for committee reports.

Quilt Show Committee - Nancy Sinise, chairman, reminded members the quilt show is March 15 and 16. There are 328 quilts in the judged show and many more in special exhibitions. Forty vendors will be at the show.

Nancy Peters explained how the quilt show drop off works. The drop off person, who will be collecting your quilts, will contact you to set up a time to deliver your quilts for the show. Please remember: your quilt must have a label, sleeve, and no pet hair. Your quilts must be in a pillow case using masking tape as a label with name, address, and phone number. Your drop off person will provide you with each quilt's number that refers to the location where it hangs in the show.

Nancy Sinise announced that volunteers are still needed for the quilt show. You can still sign up on our website or contact Chris Williams. If you have signed up for setup/take down please bring a two or three step ladder. Carts, wagons, and dollies are also needed to move quilts for hanging and take down. Please post show flyers about town. Consider your church, a library, the community board at your grocery store, the places to post are unlimited.

Nancy Sinise thanked Mary Lou Melkowski and Roxann Jasper for making more ribbons for added categories in the show. There will be 18 categories in this year's show.

The Quilt show set up will begin on Friday, March 14. If you are a drop off person please deliver quilts between 12 and 12:30. Set-up for the show will begin at 12:30. Show day volunteers should arrive one half hour before their shifts. Saturday morning volunteers should arrive by 9:30 am, and Sunday morning volunteers should arrive by 10:30 AM. Members are asked to park on the upper lot at Queeny Park.

Advertising the show is very important. Please help by using social media as an additional source to spread the word. Consider posting the flyer (found on the Bits website, members section) on your Facebook page. Posting your status updates of your show quilts on Facebook is another idea to use.

Cover Our Kids - Chris Williams read a thank you note from Alberta Lee for the generous donation of quilts to Mercy Children's hospital and commented about being asked to be a part of the group who provided information for the West Magazine article. Chris said the first Sew Day was very successful. It was held at Cheryl Cobert's company facility. Thank you Cheryl. The next Sew Day is March 29 at St. John's Lutheran Church on Manchester Road.

To help with the making of the COK quilts, Chris said the "I Can" sign-up sheets are ready for you. There are four "I Can" tasks to volunteer to do: "I Can" make a baggy block, "I Can make a quilt top, "I Can" bind a quilt, "I Can" quilt a quilt.

Judy announced that we need several members to step forward to fill three chairman vacancies. Those chairmanships are: Meeting set-up, retreat, and Raffle Quilt 2016. She congratulated and thanked this year's Raffle Quilt committee for their hard work and success.

Raffle Quilt - Debbie Ernst announced that 4,782 tickets have been sold to date for this year's raffle quilt.

National Speakers - Wendy Richards announced Susan Cleveland will be presenting her workshops May 27, 28, and 29. Her schedule will be: Bits meeting on the evening of May 27, May 28 Marvelous Miters 1-4pm, Precision and Panache 6-9 pm, and May 29 Piping Hot Bindings 9-4. All workshops will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Clayton Road at 141. Wendy is accepting sign-ups for the workshops.

Membership - Lisa Marsden announced that eighty eight people were in attendance. Five guests were introduced. Attendance prizes were provided by Old Country Store of Lancaster, PA, and Jackman's Fabrics. Membership dues of \$25 are due. If you have a quilt in the show please make sure your membership is up to date.

Newsletter - Cindy Holten announced the program for the quilt show has been completed. She said the CD's of the 2012 quilt show are now available for \$10. Please contact Cindy for a CD.

UFO - Mary Lou Melkowski has extended the submission of this year's UFO list until the March meeting.

Miscellaneous Comments - Wendy said that CraftOptics, a show vendor, is donating one complete set of CraftOptics Telescopes that will include readers or prescription lenses valued at \$474. They will be one of the items in the raffle.

Show and Tell followed the meeting. Congratulations and thanks to Southern Stitchers for donating twenty quilts to COK.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted by
Sandy Sagan





President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

Ughhhh...more ice, snow, and sleet predicted for this weekend, but I know what I'm going to do...head for my sewing room. That is one great advantage we quilters have when the weather turns bad, we can turn to our sewing rooms for comfort and creativity. Often I've said to myself "I'll only be a few minutes", but hours later, I wander out. When I'm in my sewing room, time flies.

And time is fast approaching our quilt show. Hundreds of hours have been spent planning the show and is shaping up to be another great success. Please continue to "spread the word" about our upcoming quilt show on all your social media and to sign up to volunteer at the show as well. There are volunteer jobs to fit the needs of everyone: standing, walking, and sitting. So please give a little of your time and help make our quilt show a huge success.

New this year is the Quilter's Minute. The concept was introduced by Linda Waugh. For one minute, one of our members tells her "quilt story" to the membership. What a wonderful way to get to know a member. Please consider being our next star for the Quilter's Minute.

Now I must get to my sewing room. See you at the Quilt Show.

Judy Humphrey
President





COMMITTEE REPORTS



COK and More: Chris Williams

- Thanks to the snow/weather delays, the first Sew Day of the year was held on February 15. Cheryl Cobert generously opened her meeting room to us for the day and the room worked extremely well. Cheryl has agreed to host us again, so we may well take advantage of her hospitality.
- The next Sew Day is Saturday, March 29. We are returning to St. John's Lutheran Church on that day. COK has been off to a rather slow start this year, but Southern Stitchers took advantage of severe cabin fever and gave us many quilts.
- At the February meeting I started a new "I CAN" campaign. At the meeting I posted "I CAN" sign up sheets, giving you a chance to actually tell me what you can do to help. The sign up sheets were for:
 - I CAN CUT A QUILT TOP
 - I CAN CUT BAGGIE BLOCKS
 - I CAN QUILT A TOP
 - I CAN BIND A QUILT TOP
- If you sign up, I will contact you to learn what you are willing and/or able to do.
- This is not a lifelong commitment. If you put your name down and find later that you are unable to help, there will be no repercussions. I am asking you to put your name down where you would like to help. I will then call you and we can work out the particulars – For example
 - I can only pick things up at meeting
 - I can only help on Tuesdays
 - I need someone to deliver stuff to me
 - I can only help during the day
 - I can give you 1 night per month for a couple of hours
 - I can quilt, but only small quilts.
 - I would be happy to put on a binding
 - I could host an additional cut night or day sometime.
 - I could come to your house to help with whatever.
- Everyone has a life and limitations and "best times". I will be happy to work with you, if you will help me.
- Note that COK will supply you with fabric required so this will not be coming from your own stash or pocketbook.
- So, please look at the "I CAN" sheets at the next meeting and put your name down. I will call you and we will work out an "I CAN" schedule that best fits you.
- If you want to think about it, put your name down anyway. I promise, there will be no pressure.

Library: Phyllis Nelson

- The Bits library also includes some good fiction books. Earlene Fowler has written lots of books that involve quilts. Jennifer Chiaverini wrote the Elm Creek Quilts series. The Persian Pickle Club, by Sandra Dallas, is one of my favorite. Sandra writes Historical Fiction about women. She is one of my favorite authors and usually is at Paducah and Houston signing her books. After the Quilt Show is over relax with good book.

Membership: Lisa Marsden

- 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 Wendy Richards, and Sue Potter. 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 with the new logo! 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 88 people in attendance at the February meeting.
- To date, we have 115 members that have paid their 2014 Membership dues. If you haven't paid yet this year please mail to Lisa Marsden. Thank you!

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:

Facebook: Please "Like" us and 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.

Newsletter Cindy Holten

- Submissions for the **April** newsletter are due: **Saturday, March 29**. Please email your submissions to Cindy Holten at 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.

Programs for 2014 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- A very special thanks to Ivy Osborn for providing a projector for our Programs speakers and giving us the technical support for this. We really appreciate this service to our Guild.
- **MAR 25—Quilter's Minute:** Carol Spindler; **Program:** Art and Wanda Kruse, She Does-He Does-They Both Quilt
- **APR 22—Quilter's Minute:** Shirley Handlang; **Program:** Ginger Carter, Special Textiles Around the World
- **MAY 27—Quilter's Minute:** TBA; **Program:** Susan Cleveland, My Eclectic Quilt Pageant. Please see website for details on Susan's workshops.





COMMITTEE REPORTS



2014 Quilt Show Announcements:

- **Charity Quilt Auction: Candy Grisham** - Ladies thank you so much for your donations for the charity auction at the quilt show. We have some wonderful items and should have a great auction. Please be sure to stop by and see what you want to bid on.
- **Raffle Quilt Schedule: Terry Rhodes and Debbie Ernst** - Our 2014 Raffle Quilt efforts are quickly coming to a close. You have sold a little over 5,100 tickets as of March 1, and that is an astounding total. We expect to sell more tickets at the quilt show, so there will be a grand total coming soon. The prizes for ticket sales will be awarded at the March guild meeting.

Please do not forget to bring in all sold ticket stubs and money to the quilt show. We don't want anyone who purchased a ticket to lose out on this opportunity.

Retreats (Todd Hall) : (TBA):

The following are the 2014 Toddhall retreat dates and (Halls):

- JAN 22-26, 2014 (Wilson)
- 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). 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.

Workshops by National Speakers: Wendy Richards

- May 28 & 29—Susan Cleveland will hold three Workshops: Marvelous Miters, Precision and Panache, Piping Hot Bindings.
- For details of each workshop schedule and supply list, go to our website.
- Please contact Wendy Richards at whoob@aol.com or by phone 636-394-9250 to sign up. Sign ups will be for Bits members only through then **March 25** guild meeting, then will be open to others.

Workshops by Members: Nellie Mueller

- Each year we look forward to that special summer day when we can learn new things in classes taught by "Bits' members/ volunteers/teachers". The instructors cover topics such as skills, projects, techniques, latest trends, using new tools, and more.
- The cost per session is more than reasonable. Last year we had 3

morning classes and 3 afternoon classes at the Salem church (where the guild normally meets) on a Saturday in August.

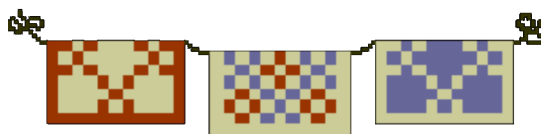
- If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and skills with your friends, please contact me at 636 257 3716 with your ideas (after the quilt show). Please provide the following information:
 - the topic you will cover
 - what students will learn
 - what supplies are needed
 - any additional cost for kit, required items
 - the maximum # of students, also minimum
 - anything else that applies
- More details will be announced at the March and April guild meetings. Watch the newsletter, website and the Yahoo group for future announcements and details. Thanks, Nellie Mueller 636-257-3716

UFOs: Mary Lou Melkowski

- The deadline for turning in the 2014 UFO Challenge Sheet has been extended to the March meeting. This will be the last day that it can be turned in.
- This year we are focusing on the oldest projects waiting to be finished. I know there are some very old UFOs hiding in drawers and closets. It might even be something passed on to us by a mother, grandmother or dear friend. Let's finally finish them this year.



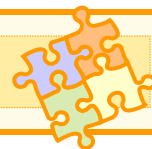
Fanfare of Quilts March 15-16, 2017



Are you ready?

- ✓ Signed up on the Volunteer List.
- ✓ Made a quilt for the show.
- ✓ Attached a label and hanging sleeve.
- ✓ Put all the ID info on the pillowcase.
- ✓ Called my Drop Off Coordinator.





March Babies

*Mary Ann Anderson
Zeynep Austill
Pat Cole
Marian Collins
Pat Hall
Rosemary Hopkins
Carol Lovelace
Jan Oehrle
Nancy Sinise
Bonnie Brown*



Mona Howard—Is having some health issues so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers and let her know you are thinking about her.

Peggy Anderson fell on the ice and broke her femur. Her surgery went well. She bravely attended the February meeting albeit in a wheel chair! We wish her a speedy recovery.

Irene DiRuscio—her husband is slowly recovering from a serious health problem. Please add Irene's husband and family in your prayers and let her know you wish her husband a speedy recovery.



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 3rd 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



BITS 'N' PIECES



WANT ADS

Quilter's Minute

This is your time to shine. Must have a love of quilting and the ability to tell your quilting story in a minute. Please contact Linda Waugh at lkampwaugh@charter.net for this great opportunity.

Quilt Show Volunteers

Looking for friendly and dedicated volunteers. Must be willing to commit to schedule. The following positions are urgently needed. Please check Volunteer List on website for specific time slot needs.

Admissions

Saturday: 3:30 to 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Charity Auction

We need two people at a time. Please check the Volunteer List on the website for vacancies.

Back Door Monitor

Sunday morning. Please check the Volunteer List on the website for vacancies.

Bed Turning

We must have two people for each presentation.

Saturday: 3:30 to 5:00 needs 2 volunteers
Sunday: Morning and last shift on Sunday each need 1 volunteer.

White Glove

Saturday 3:30 to 5:15 - We need 3 or 4 volunteers

Please contact Chris Williams at cwwill@earthlink.net for these greatly appreciated positions.

Workshops by Members

We need leaders! Are you willing and capable of sharing your quilting skills and techniques in a workshop environment? For a great opportunity to lead a workshop, contact Nellie Mueller at 636 257 3716 after March 17, 2014.

URGENT! MUST FILL NOW!

Retreat Chairman

Individual must enjoy organizing, managing, and attending quilt retreats. There are two retreats each year and the next one is June 4-8. Please contact Judy at 636 629 1151.

2016 Raffle Quilt Committee & Chair

Looking for a group of individuals willing to handle all aspects of the making of the 2016 Raffle Quilt. This has many facets of responsibility as well as a need for an assigned Committee Chair. Please contact the Judy at 636 629 1151.

Meeting Coordinator

Urgent! Must fill immediately. Reliable individual with organizational skills needed for Coordinator to oversee the setup and take down of the tables and chairs at each guild meeting. This is an important position and reports directly to the President of the Bits Guild. Please contact Judy at 636 629 1151.

DEFINITELY WANTED



CraftOptics has generously donated a gift card for one complete set of CraftOptics Telescopes (including prescription or reading correction) valued at \$474.00.

This prize will be located at the charity ticket raffle table at the quilt show. Visit their website for more information: www.craftoptics.com

But...in order to draw for a door prize ticket, one must purchase admission to the show.

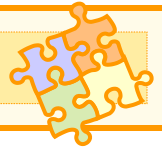
Also, there are three Coupon Codes provided:

CraftOptics: 10% discount until 08/31/2014 Use code: BNP13 www.craftoptics.com

Noble Notions: \$5.00 off with \$25.00 minimum purchase Use code: J76K4 www.noblenotions.com

C&T Publishing: 25% discount off whole order (through 12/31/2014) Use code: CTDR25-14 www.ctpub.com





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*March 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2014
Thur & Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm,
Sun 12pm-4pm
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The shop hop hosts are 9 quilt shops
located on both the Missouri and Illinois
side of the greater St. Louis area. Win:

- A Retreat to Todd Hall for you and friends
- Gift Certificates from each shop
- Gift bags, books, patterns, notions, fabrics and 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

