

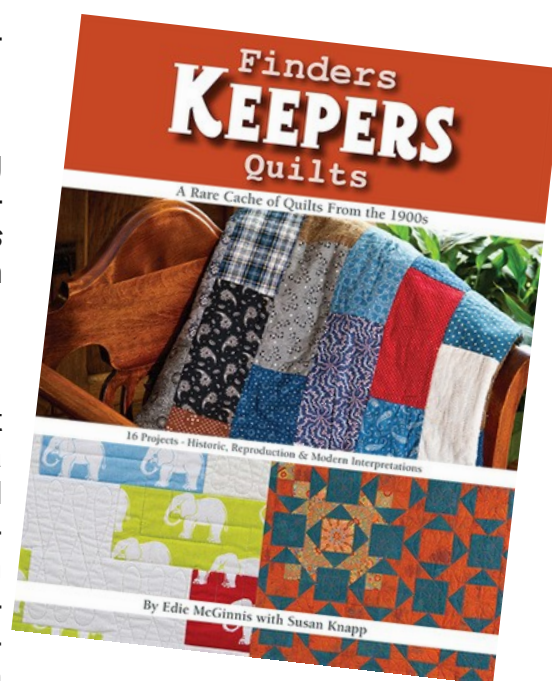
Guild Program for May 24, 2016

Edie McGinnis, began her career with The Kansas City Star in 1987. She was the associate editor of Kansas City Star Quilts and an author with nearly 20 books to her credit. She wrote a popular weekly blog on the Kansas City Star Quilts website. She has also had several single patterns published and written articles for national quilting magazines.



Edie has given lectures and trunk shows on The Kansas City Star quilt patterns, their history and the designers who worked at The Star in the early years; feed sacks; scrap quilts; and using precuts. She has taught quilting at Primitives of the Midwest in Lee's Summit, Missouri, and various workshops using her original patterns. She has been quilting for more than 35 years and is a member of the American Quilting Society.

For our May Meeting, Edie will be speaking on her new book **Finders Keepers Quilts** published by C&T Publishing. **Finders Keepers Quilts** is based on a collection of quilts found in an abandoned farmhouse in Davis County, Iowa. Searching through the house, the new owner, Susan Knapp, found stone crocks, pretty dishes, and other intriguing little odds and ends. But best of all, she found a box of early 1900s quilts in a closet. Famed quilter Edie McGinnis has worked with Susan to re-create the early quilts, using reproduction fabric to reflect the time period in which they were made. She has also included an updated version of each quilt, with clear, concise instructions that will appeal to today's modern quilters.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to thank Chris Williams for chairing the April meeting. One of my granddaughter's had a cello concert, and as we all know those school activities and athletics are so important to these kids. So Chris, thank you again.

At the March, Guild meeting we celebrated our successful quilt show. As a guild, we exceeded our own expectations. Then I went to Paducah, and, yep, I was right...we'd put on a great show! We have so many talented quilters who expect nothing less than excellence of themselves.

Here are a few examples, that help to reinforce how good our quilters and quilt artists are. First, our challenges. Yes, Paducah did display some very nice challenges, but I thought our guild executed the theme of the challenges better.

Our **"Numbers Challenge"** was unique! Who would have thought that random pages from the National Geographic magazine would stimulate such creativity! I've attended a lot of shows and never saw that idea. The creativity of our members and the execution of their particular pieces are, I believe, regional and national show worthy.

The A-team set a specific color and shape challenge, and each member who entered that challenge uniquely designed their block. The **coloring book challenge** and subsequent quilts will make some children very happy.

The art group had three challenges. While they were all well done, two of these are items I'd not seen in any quilt show. The **"Out of the Box"** challenged members to use all of the 18 different objects in a 3-dimensional piece. The **Whisper Challenge**, was a take on the old telephone game when we were kids. It was interesting to see how the "whisper" progressed.

The quilt show layout was done with care, so that each person's quilt had an opportunity to be viewed by our guests and a picture taken by our resident photographer. Each quilt in the show was unique to the maker and allowed all of us to stretch our talent and celebrate the expertise of our guild members.

Members of our guild are eager to show their work and I know people look forward to this show every two years. When I was looking for a guild in 1993, I wanted a guild that would nurture and respect the work of a new quilter. I wanted the company of women who have experienced life events. Most of all I wanted a community of caring makers. Well, Bits n Pieces, you again have exceeded my personal expectations.

This year our membership committee came up with a great idea to identify guests and first time attendees to the guild, let's look for those guests and new members and learn from them, help them, and bring them into the leadership of the guild.

Enjoy the May flowers.

Best to all,

Anne Perry
President

June Salad Supper June 28 - 6:30 pm

*Red Flowers Red Fabric Red Ribbon
Red Strawberries Red Birds Red Velvet Cake*

The June Salad Supper is coming June 28. The arrival time is 6:30PM at the church hall.

Please wear something red (red blouse, red necklace).

If your last name begins with A-O, please bring: a salad (pasta, veggies, fruit).

If your last name begins with P-Z, please bring: a dessert (cookies, bars, cake, pie)

Please bring 2 1/2" x WOF strips of fabric in the colors of red, white or blue for honor flight quilts.

During our evening activities, we will play the game QUILTO.

Please bring buttons, pennies, etc. to use as markers on your cards.

Great prizes with a grand prize.

Sue Meyer, Chairman
suziequilt@hotmail.com



MEETING MINUTES

26 April 2016

Vice-President Chris Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. President Anne Perry was unable to attend.

Meeting attendees observe a moment of silence in memory of Barb Warner's husband who recently passed away.

Marsha Bray has Quilt Show CDs available for \$10.00. She has some CDs available tonight and will take orders as needed. \$6.00 for every CD sold will go to the Guild. Marsha's husband produced the CDs and donated his time.

Chris announced that Nancy Hopkins won a Janome sewing machine at the AQS show in Paducah, KY.

The newsletter deadline is Friday, April 29, 2016.

Jean Weber announced that the quilt show expense reimbursement requests are due tonight. Please let her know of any expenses and she will mail reimbursement checks this week.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously.

Block of the Month chairperson, Mary Lou Melkowski, announced that 29 people check blocks in tonight. She asked that everyone show their blocks at show and tell. She said she would be available at the break to answer any questions and demonstrate how to make flying geese blocks.

Carol Lovelace gave the Quilter's Minute and a quilter's tip.

Chris Williams introduced Jane and Jenny of Janie Lou Quilts. They presented a program titled "Opening a Quilt Store from Inspiration to Execution" and a wonderful trunk show.

Janie Lou donated and awarded three attendance prizes.

Retreat Chairperson, Susan Calzone, announced that the date of the next retreat is June 7-11, 2016 at Todd Hall in Columbia, IL. She has room for one or two more people. See her tonight or send an email if interested.

Susan has blocks and fabric for anyone wanting to make an honor flight quilt.

Quilt Show Chairperson, Nancy Peters, has the quilt show entry forms available for pick-up tonight.

After the break at 7:45 pm the meeting resumed.

Chris Williams announced that the speaker at the May meeting will be Edie McGinnis, the salad supper is in June and Christmas in July is scheduled for the July meeting.

Cover Our Kids chairperson, Louise Morris, announced she is ready to distribute 70 quilts to 6-7 institutions. We have a new recipient: St. Clare Hospital. COK has had four productive sewing days and two more are scheduled. The next sew day is Tuesday 9 am-4 pm at the church. A former member has donated a large amount of fabric. Louise will be announcing a challenge at a later date.

Darlene Sforza reported that the Eastern Missouri chapter of Quilts of Valor is going strong. She thanked everyone for their help and invited members to visit their meeting next Tuesday in Cottleville.

Kevin the quilter will be attending the October Bits meeting. He asked for names of anyone eligible for a Quilt of Valor that has not received one. An eligible recipient is any veteran that has served overseas in conflict on foreign soil. He would like them to come to the meeting that night.

Chris asked for volunteers to create the 2018 Raffle Quilt, a 2018 Quilt Show Chair and a volunteer to plan the holiday party. Please call Anne Perry if interested.

Membership chairperson, Candy Grisham, announced that 95 members were in attendance and 5 visitors. We had one renewing member.

Many members participated in show and tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hopkins, Secretary



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Block of the Month: Mary Lou Melkowski

- The response to the BOM has been tremendous. There are 59 members signed up to participate and 31 members showed their March block at the April meeting.
- It is not mandatory to complete your block the month it is issued and it can be shown at any meeting.
- If you need a copy of the pattern for any month after it is issued it can be found on the Bits website under special events.
- It's not too late to sign up and join the fun!

COK and More: Louis Morris

- Things are happening at Cover Our Kids! I have over 70 quilts ready to distribute to 6 local organizations.
- We have an upcoming sew day scheduled for this Tuesday, May 3 at the church from 9-4. In June I have scheduled a Saturday sew day on the 25th.
- I have so many quilts needing to be quilted that I half joked at our April meeting that I was willing to hide a gift certificate in one of them so they would all be taken home. Lo and behold, at the end of the meeting two gift certificates appeared on my table! Next month I will have lots of quilts, ready to go home with you, made all the more enticing by the promise that hidden in the batting of one of them will be one of those gift certificates.
- The May meeting will also be the official unveiling of our 2016 COK Challenge. I gave a hint this past Tuesday, saying only that it would involve using our guild's logo in interesting ways in a juvenile quilt. Think about your two favorite colors, mine are pink and orange, and pick up the official rules next month.
- Finally, I have recently put St. Clare's Hospital in Fenton on our roster of recipient organizations. They are asking for only 36 inch square quilts for their critically ill infants. These go together so quickly. See you in May, or this Tuesday.

Library: Kay Merz

- Your Guild Library is a wonderful resource of quilting books but many may not realize that it is also a great resource of quilting related novels. With the weather so nice and summer just around the corner, vacation plans are in the minds of many of us. Or maybe you are thinking of enjoying this wonderful weather by curling up on the deck, patio or sunroom with a good book. What a great time to take advantage of the many novels available in our Guild Library. As you begin to make those vacation plans or enjoy some leisure time relaxing, you are encouraged to check out this wonderful reading material.
- Your Guild Library is located at the back of the meeting room in a cabinet in the side classroom. Stop by the table just outside this room to check out or return

library items or if you need assistance in locating an item.

Membership: Bernadette Delannay/Candy Grisham/Judy Humphrey

- This meeting we welcomed 1 new member and 1 member renewed by mail.
- We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to Janie Lou for donating 3 wonderful items for our attendance prizes!!!! Our winners were Debbie Ernst, Pat Cole and Kathy Young.
- We had 95 people in attendance at the April meeting including 5 guests.
- To date for 2016, 175 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

- The mini group, The Company, will meet on Thursday, May 26, at 9:30 at Chesterfield Mall, at the lower lot by Dillard's. We will carpool to the History Museum, in Forest Park.
- We will be viewing the exhibit Little Black Dress. From there we will have lunch in the Park. Please let me know if you will be coming so we don't miss anyone. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Programs for 2016 Guild Meetings: Chris Williams

- I hope you all enjoyed the program by Janie Lou in May. Thanks to Carol Lovelace for a great Quilter's Minute...a woman of many talents! And her Quilter's Tip for invisible quilt hangers is a keeper.
- Our year is filling up! The programs for the remainder of 2016 have fallen into place – lots of fun is coming :
 - **MAY 24**
Quilter's Minute: Amanda Edwards
Program: Edie McGinnis-Finders Keepers Quilt
 - **JUN 28**
Program: Salad Supper



COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

- **JUL 26**
Quilter's Minute: Rita Nyhoff
Program: Christmas in July –Round Robin of Christmas Gifts to Make
- **AUG 23**
Quilter's Minute: TBA
Program: Susan Marth-Trunk Show
- **SEP 27**
Quilter's Minute: TBA
Program: Cindy Lohbeck of Hands On Hand Dyes
<http://www.handsonhanddyes.com/>
Workshops: (fees to be determined)
 - Sept. 28 AM: Ice/Snow Dye
 - Sept. 28 PM: 24 Step Color Mixing
 - Sept. 29 AM: "Pole Dancing" Arashi Shibori
 - Sept. 29 PM: "Welcome to the Fold" Itagime Shibori
- **OCT 25**
Quilter's Minute: TBA
Program: Kevin the Quilter
 - Kevin also asked if any members had a family member who is a veteran who would qualify for a Quilt of Valor but has not received a quilt. I made that announcement at the April meeting. The veteran needs to have served overseas during conflict/war. Kevin would like to present a QOV at the meeting so the person would have to attend the October meeting. If you know of a Bits family member veteran who would be eligible and able to attend the October meeting, please let me know.
- **NOV 25**
Quilter's Minute: TBA
Program: Cover Our Kids & More
- **DEC -- TBA**
Program: Bits Holiday Party

Retreats

- **Todd Hall, 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 ahhs, and plenty of snacks, including lots of chocolate.
 - Space is limited so clear your calendar and sign up early as we have been filling to capacity, however, there are sometimes late cancellations and changes so if you have any interest in the upcoming retreat don't hesitate to contact me as a spot may have opened.

- The cost includes meals and is approximately \$75/night for a double occupancy bedroom, and \$100/night for a single occupancy.
- The June retreat is filling fast. If you are interested in attending or have any questions please contact me asap.
- 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.
- Susan Calzone - sesnowzone@charter.net

One-Day Retreat: Darla Gibson

- The One-Day Retreat on Saturday, April 9, was a day of fun and friendship. Please consider joining us for the next one.

Sunshine & Shadow: Linda Waugh

- Kay Erb had knee surgery in her other knee. I know she would appreciate cards or an email or phone call.
- Barbara Warner left this heartfelt "Thank you": I thought I would be able to stand up Tues night and thank all of you for your support during Tom's illness and death. But I couldn't. I would have been too emotional.
 So, thank you for your support, prayers, masses, and kind thoughts. It's been amazing to realize how many people care. Thank you to the guild for the donation to the Alzheimer's Assoc. too.
 To those who are caretakers, you have my prayers and support too. It's a grueling job.
 Thank you again for caring
- Please contact me with any information for Sunshine and Shadow: Linda Waugh---
lkampwaugh@charter.net or 314-909-8559.

Treasurer's Report: Jean Weber

- 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.
- Please contact me with questions. Thank you so much for your cooperation. It is greatly appreciated.



**Workshops by National Speakers: Wendy Richards/
Candy Grisham**

- **MAY 24-25, 2017** Becky Goldsmith will lecture at our May 2016 meeting and conduct a 2-day workshop on May 24 & 25.
- **SEP 27-29, 2017** Cindy Lohbeck of Hands On Hand Dyes will lecture at our Sept 27 meeting and conduct a 2-day workshop on Sept 28 & 29.

UFOs: Peggy Anderson

- No updates at this time.

May Birthdays

**Bonnie Brown
Candy Grisham
Carol Spindler
Celeste Clark
Cindy Pfotenhauer
Deborah Ernst
Denise Bickley
Eliane Ezra
Francine Boillat
Kay Erb
Merrily Woodford
Nancy Stratte
Roxann Jasper**

WHAT IS CHARITY SHARITY

- It occurred to me that new members of the guild may wonder what Charity Sharity is when they read the notice that I will be at the meeting to collect donations. We are a group of women who worked at a fabric store that closed 18 years ago and share an interest in sewing and fabric. We began by sharing fabric from our stashes that we no longer wanted and expanded it to collect fabric and sewing notions that might otherwise end up in a landfill and distributed it to those who sewed items that fill a need.
- For the first 15 years, we would hear from a group making certain items (baby clothes, quilts, sleeping bags, etc.) and they would ask for fabric to continue their projects. Our latest and biggest is Manchester United Methodist Church members who are making 600 book bags for their school in Mozambique, all out of our fabric.



- Then, someone asked if we could find people to make laundry-type drawstring bags of cute fabric for foster kids who move from place to place with nothing but a trash bag for their meager belongings. These bags are now being made continuously by many on our huge e-mail list of fabric lovers.

• This started a trend of Charity Sharity not only supplying fabric for a project but also finding the people to make it! These are some of the things being made:

- "Scrubs" (drawstring pants) for the Gateway 180 Homeless Shelter in the city for those that come in with only what they are wearing.
- 100+ zippered bags for kids in school to take food home from the school pantry for the weekend.
- Sleeping bedrolls for kids found on the streets with no place to go. *These are being made by women in prison who are doing their part to pay back and move forward.*
- If you are interested in sewing for a project, please contact me to be added to the list. When a request is received, an email is sent out and those who choose to, respond.
- Thank you to everyone who has donated fabric and sewing notions, even sewing machines. Many have benefitted from those donations.

Bonnie Brown
Charity Sharity





A DVD of the 2016 Bits quilt show is now available. It includes a photo of every quilt that was entered in the show plus photos of vendors, raffle and more. The DVD sells for \$10 which includes \$6 for the guild and \$4 covering the production materials. Those members who signed the list at the meeting will receive their DVDs at the May meeting.

If you were not at the meeting but would like a DVD, please email me at mar-shabray@yahoo.com and I will put you on the list. Or if you didn't sign the list and would now like to order a DVD, just email me. Again, these would be delivered at the May meeting. Thanks, Marsha Bray.

THE QUILTED FOX

We're having a Quilt Show!!!!

Saturday, May 14, 10:00 – 4:30

In the hall outside The Quilted Fox

**Featuring
Quilts made in our
Beginning Machine Piecing classes**

**Come see the amazing variety that all started
with one basic pattern.**



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

