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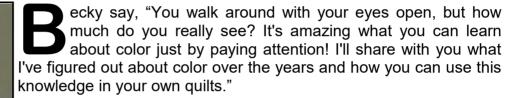
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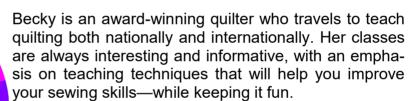
**MAY 2017** 

### **Guild Meeting May 23, 2017**

#### A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO COLOR

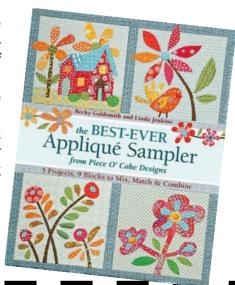
Becky Goldsmith, of Piece O' Cake Designs





Making quilts is interesting, fulfilling, and challenging for all of us! Being a member of the greater quilting community is a bonus that adds to all of our lives. Becky never imagined that being a quilter would become her life's work, but she's so happy that it did!

Becky Goldsmith Is best known as being half of the Piece O' Cake Designs team. She met Linda Jenkins, her business partner in Piece O' Cake Designs, at a meeting of the Green Country Quilters' Guild in Tulsa, OK, in 1986. They started Piece O' Cake in 1994 and, since then, have published more than 30 books and hundreds of patterns, including 7 Blocks of the Month. They continue to work together on books and patterns. Becky is the sole author of The Quilter's Practical Guide to Color. Please check out her website: pieceocake.com for more information.



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### QUILT EVENTS

### This has been an exciting week in my quilting life!

We had a great meeting Tuesday night. We have guite a few opportunities coming up to be involved with the guild. Please consider signing up. It's the best way to feel like you fit in.

I put my quilt in the quilting frame after hand appliqueing it for the last 31/2 years.

Tomorrow we will ride the bus to Quilt Week in Paducah. I encourage all of you to try to go to Paducah! It's a wonderful way to get a different perspective and be totally immersed in guilting. It's also a great time to get better acquainted with friends.

Best regards, Peggy Anderson, President

NOTE: Peggy Anderson now has the quilt display rack and hand quilting frame that the members can borrow. Call Peggy Anderson 636 458-0518 to re-

#### **QUILT EVENTS**

Ozark Quilting Trail—The 2017 adventure runs April 1—July 31. For details contact: www.ozarkquiltingtrail.com.

Friendship Village's Chesterfield, 15201 Olive Blvd. on Thursday, May 11 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm will have a Silent Auction of Lorrie Oltman's beautiful and unique fiber art. (Lorrie Oltman was a long time member of Bits 'n' Pieces) HJer artwork is displayed in our Gallery.

The Piecemakers' Quilt Club of St. Clair, MO, will be offering the Civil War Quilt Program and Workshop by Becky Wright on June 21 and 22. To sign up or receive more information, contact: Pat Ross, 314-607-5578, p84ross@gmail.com

#### International Miniature Quilt Exchange (IMQE)

- Crossing borders and cultures with Quilts around the Globe. Teams forming NOW through December 31, 2017 The purpose of the International Miniature Quilt Exchange is to promote quilting across borders and cultures. The exchange allows team members to communicate and connect with each other. The team will then have the opportunity to participate in a juried exhibition which will premiere at the International Quilt Festival in Houston during the Fall of 2018. To participate, you must be either a free basic member of TheQuiltShow.com (TQS) or a Star member of TheQuiltshow.com. Willing participants must then join the International Miniature Quilt Exchange Group on the TQS website.

Each exchange team is a two-person team. Each team will have a number associated with their team. Quilters from the USA will be paired with an International Quilter on a first come, first served basis (notification by email). It is probable that there will be more USA Quilters than there will be International Quilters. Teams will continue to be established now through December 31, 2017

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

### **April 25, 2017**

President Peggy Anderson called the meeting to order at 7pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 28, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Challenge quilt chairperson, Cindy Holten announced that eleven people have signed up to participate in the challenge. She reviewed the rules for the challenge and asked for more participants.

President Anderson announced the newsletter deadline of April 28, 2017 at 5pm.

National Speakers chairperson, Wendy Richards announced that there are openings in the Becky Goldsmith workshop. There are also openings in the Susan Brubaker Knapp workshops. Contact her to sign up.

President Anderson announced there are no national speakers scheduled after August. Volunteers are needed to chair the committee.

Linda Biederman, Raffle Quilt committee member, asked members to pick up raffle quilt packets in the back of the room. The first viewing of the quilt was at The Quilted Fox. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at scheduled displays of the quilt.

President Anderson introduced Casey York to present her program "Art Historical Inspiration for Quilters".

After a wonderful program, Cover Our Kids chairperson Louise Morris announced that she has 135 quilts on the books. She will be getting more batting from the Innova dealers. She has scheduled a sew day for 5/9/2017 from 9am-3pm at the church. She plans to assemble dress quilts on the sew day. She will be stepping down from COK in December. Volunteers will be needed to head this committee. She has made donations to all current organizations twice and is meeting with Cindy Miller of Circle of Concern. She still has 150 finished quilts at her home.

Quilt Show chairperson, Joyce Zepp announced that she needs volunteers for door prizes, sewing machine raffle, volunteers, Charity Raffle, library cases and bed turning.

After a break, President Anderson asked anyone showing an UFO quilt to give the information to her on a piece of paper. She will give the information to Judy on Wednesday.

Block of the Month chairperson, Mary Lou Melkowski announced that the last block of the month was given out at this meeting. Many people participated. Next month will be the drawing for the wall hanging. One more drawing will be held at the September meeting for members with finished quilt tops. She would like finished quilts to be show in the 2018 Quilt Show.

Membership chairperson, Judy Humphrey asked members to pick up their membership cards. There were 101 people in attendance and two new members. Three attendance prizes were awarded.

President Anderson announced that Judy Hoffman was grateful for all the cards, letters and emails she received after her recent surgery.

Many members participated in show and tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Block of the Month: Mary Lou Melkowski

 All 12 blocks have now been distributed. The drawing for the quilt top will be at the May meeting. You will have 1 chance for each block you have finished. It is not necessary to be present to win. All of the patterns are on the Bits website. Go to Events and then Block of the Month. You can still turn in a block for any previous month

#### **COK and More: Louise Morris**

- There is no slow down in sight for Cover our Kids.
   During the April meeting, 4 kits were returned, 5 were signed out and 34 completed quilts were donated by members and friends of members.
- We are sad to see that Elsie Meyers is relocating to California. We have so enjoyed getting to know her in the 6 months she has been with us and appreciate the 75+ quilts she has donated to our kids. We will miss you, Elsie!
- Our little dresses have been a hit! Out of 23 given out in March, 18 were returned, enough to complete 2 quilts. The creativity of our members always amazes! Four more were signed out and we will piece the two quilts at our sew day on Tuesday, May 9th. As far as donations go we received 15 bags of fabric, and 3 boxes more, as well as hundreds of precut squares and 5 bags of batting.
- It is being discussed that next year COK will be managed by a committee, rather than a chair, owing to the large numbers of donations received (over 10) the increase in our membership (just under 190) and the numbers of quilts turned in monthly (on average 30to35). Think about becoming involved in this wonderfully rewarding volunteer opportunity.
- Lastly, someone turned in 5 very beautiful quilts with no name, one of them a darling cat quilt and I want to give you credit for your donation .Please contact me at lcmorris <u>22@aol.com</u> so I can put you in the log. See you next month.

#### **Guild Challenge: Cindy Holten**

- The 2017 Guild Challenge, "GET YOUR MOJO— SHOW OUR LOGO" added an additional 16 signees, bringing the total to 21.
- This is a great start, but since our guild now has 188 members, and if I did the math right, that means only 11% have signed up to show off our new logo at the 2017 challenge.

- To encourage you to participate, allow me to point out that this is a supremely simple challenge. The pattern is simple, with few details and the colors are already chosen, leaving you just to determine the size, making a few simple cuts, stitching them up and doing a little quilting...and voila, you have a personal masterpiece for display in both the 2017 challenge challenge reveal AND the 2018 Fanfare of Quilts.
- But hurry...all completed guild challenge quilts are due by September 2017...just five SHORT months from now.
- You can find the Challenge Rules, Color Chart, and 2018 Registration Forms on our website and at the Guild Challenge Table each meeting.
- So get your Mojo on, let your creativity flow, and show off our great guild's logo. Plan to have YOUR challenge guilt in the 2018 Fanfare of Quilts Show!

#### Library: Kay Merz

- There seems to be a renewed interest in English Paper Piecing and it's no wonder. This technique offers portability not offered by many other quilting techniques. It is also extremely accurate, can be used as appliqué and has a ton of design possibilities. Today's English Paper Piecing doesn't have to be just about hexies. There is so much more available, although the hexies can be a delight in themselves. If you are not into hand work, this technique can also be done by machine.
- Your Guild Library has purchased an iQuilt DVD which teaches this technique using your sewing machine. This DVD is the same as the iQuilt class taught by Karen K.
   Stone. A lot of helpful information is contained in the DVD. If this is a technique that you would like to try or a new slant to an old technique that might interest you, you can find this DVD at the library table at our May meeting.
- Also, don't forget about the two books that were graciously donated to our library, "Easy & Elegant Lone Star Quilts All the Wow Without the Work" by Shirley Stutz and "S is for Scraps" by Gayle Bong. Both of these books contain stunning patterns, perfect for fussy cutting or mirror techniques. Shirley Stutz' book also includes instructions for the addition of broderie perse appliqué and reverse appliqué, along with ideas for borders and trapunto. Gayle Bong's book has great patterns for using up scraps, including LeMoyne Star, Maggie's Star and a lot more. I look forward to seeing some wonderful quilts that could materialize from these two books. Both of these books will be available at the

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- library table at the May guild meeting.
- Your Guild Library is a wonderful resource of books as well as DVDs, and fictional quilt related novels.
   Whatever your quilting interest, you are encouraged to check out this wonderful resource. 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.
- Happy Quilting! May your quilting projects tell the story, express the joy, be made with love, and be cherished when received.

#### <u>Membership: Bernadette Delannay/Candy Grisham/</u> <u>Judy Humphrey</u>

- At the April meeting we welcomed two new members, Noelle Speers and Jane Baumstark also 8 guests with 101 quilters in attendance. Now our guild has 188 members.
- IF YOU WANT TO WIN A MEMBERSHIP ATTEN-DANCE PRIZE YOU MUST WEAR YOUR NAME-TAG.
- 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!
- 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!

#### 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 2017 Guild Meetings: Chris Williams

• May 23: Becky Goldsmith (National speaker), "A Practical Approach to Color".

- Workshops now open to non-quild members.
  - Hexie Garden Wool Appliqué Wed May 24 9-4 \$51.00/\$56.00 non-members.
    - 6 spots left grab a friend and sign up!
    - Kit available/must be pre-ordered: \$9.50 [Contains these supplies: Vinyl, laminate, ultra sharpie, soft fuse, glue stick.]
  - Tile Tango Thu May 25, 9-2 Full (wait list)
  - Kit available/must be pre-ordered: \$3.50 (Contains these supplies: Vinyl, laminate, ultra sharpie.)
  - **Practical Color for Quilters** Thu May 25, 1-4pm \$27.00/\$32.00 non-members.
  - 4 spots left grab a friend and sign up!
  - NOTE: All workshops at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 808 N Mason Rd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141
  - Contact: Wendy Richards <u>whoob@aol.com</u> for additional information or to register.
- <u>June 27</u>: Cindy Neville "Tips On Entering a Prizewinning Quilt In A Show."
- <u>July 25</u>: Salad Supper. (Note: meeting date may change to **July 18** due to Church activities).
- Aug 22: Susan Brubaker Knapp (National Speaker) .
  - Workshops: 10 a 4 p.
    - <u>August 23</u> Paint and Stitch Peacock Feather \$65 + \$10 kit fee (\$70 nonmembers)
    - August 24 Start with a Photo \$65 (\$70 nonmembers)
    - NOTE: All workshops at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 808 N Mason Rd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141
  - Contact: Wendy Richards at <a href="whoob@aol.com">whoob@aol.com</a> for additional information or to register.
- <u>Sep 26</u>: Shelly Pagliai of Prairie Moon Quilts "The Life of Hazel Ilene".
- Oct 24: Cindy Holten Guild Challenge Quilt Reveal.
- Nov 28: Louise Morris Cover our Kids
- Dec 12: Holiday Party Sue Meyer, Coordinator.

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#### **Quilt Show 2018**

#### QS18 dates: Joyce Zepp, Coordinator

- Plans for the 2018 Quilt Show are progressing. We have booked Anne Hazelwood to do the appraisals.
- Our chairmen are working in their individual areas.
   HOWEVER, THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL COMMITTEES THAT DO NOT HAVE CHAIRMEN. We need people to chair the following committees:
  - Bed Turning
  - Charity Raffle
  - Door Prizes
  - Public Library Cases
  - Sewing Machine Raffle
  - Volunteers
- OUR SHOW NEEDS YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL!!!

Please contact Joyce Zepp, <u>joycezepp83@gmail.com</u>, to discuss where your fit might be.

- COMMITTEE: The next meeting of the committee is Saturday, May 20, at 9:30 am at the West County Fire Station, 223 Henry Avenue, Manchester. Please make every attempt to attend.
- If anyone has questions, please feel free to call me at 314-593-6283, or email me at, joycezepp83@gmail.com and I will do my best to find answers. Thanks to all, Joyce.

#### QS18 Charity Raffle: TBD

No updates at this time.

#### **QS18 Raffle Quilt: Chris Williams**

- The 2018 Raffle Quilt Parasol Parfait has been revealed and raffle tickets are now available for all members. If you haven't picked up your envelope, be sure to do so at the May meeting. Each member has an envelope with tickets and a picture of the quilt and is expected to sell at least 24 tickets. Please pick up the packets and Sell! Sell! Sell! Need more tickets? We'll be happy to supply you with those!
- Current Locations for Display of Raffle Quilt:
  - Shop Hop- The Quilted Fox completed March 30,31 & April 1, 2017
  - Stitch St.Charles volunteers needed May 24 & May 25, 2017 9am-4 pm Foundry Art Centre 520 N. Main Ctr. Saint Charles, MO

- Hickory Stick Quilt & Gift Shop- volunteers not needed (Note, if you happen to be going to Hannibal and would like to stop by and promote the raffle quilt, that would be great)
  - June 26- July 8, 2017 9:30am-5pm 326 N. Main Street Hannibal, MO 63401
- The Katy Depot Quilt Show Volunteers needed August 5, 2017 10am-4pm
   Frontier Park Outdoors
   500 S. Riverside Drive Saint Charles, MO
- Fall Folk Festival Faust Park volunteers needed September 16 & 17,2017 10am- 5pm 15185 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield, MO 63017
- As a reminder, we are using Signup Genius to organize volunteers to sell tickets at these events. You will get an email from Signup Genius requesting member volunteers as these events get closer. Remember, as an incentive you receive a chance toward the grand prize for each event session you work.

#### Retreats

#### <u>Todd hall, Columbia, IL: Susan Calzone & Laurie</u> Schrader

- Chair: Susan Calzone, full retreats, January and June
   sesnowzone@charter.net
- Co-Chair: Laurie Schrader weekend retreat laurieaschrader@gmail.com
- Retreats are GREAT! Everyone who attends seems
  to enjoy themselves so completely and most become
  'repeat retreaters'. Members work at their own pace
  on projects of their choice in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Retreaters share tips and tricks, oohs and
  ahhs, and plenty of snacks, including lots of chocolate.

#### UPCOMING RETREATS

- June 14-17, add-on day June 13
- There are still openings for the June retreat. Contact Susan if you have questions or want to attend. Approximate prices are:
  - double occupancy, with Toddhall meals\* -\$250
  - single occupancy, with Toddhall meals\* -\$300
  - double occupancy, no meals \$150
  - single occupancy , no meals \$200
  - add on day/night, double, no meals + \$50

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- add on day/night, single, no meals + \$70
- \*meals are only available if there are at least 10 diners.

#### August 11-13, Friday to Sunday

- The guild has added a third retreat this year. It is a weekend retreat, Friday through Sunday.
- This retreat is ideal for those members who want to try their first retreat, for those working members, for those who don't want to spend the money or time commitment on the longer retreats. There are plenty of openings. Email Laurie to sign up. Approximate prices are:
  - double occupancy bedroom, sewing room, and meals\* - \$160
  - single occupancy bedroom, sewing room, and meals\*- \$200
  - \*meals are only available if there are at least 10 diners.
  - If you are unsure, or a retreat is full, you can be put you on a wait list and contacted closer to the retreat or in the event of a cancellation.
- For detailed information on the location, bedrooms, sewing area, meals, cancellations, refunds, and packing see our website under <u>Special Events</u>, <u>Retreats</u> where you will find two informational documents.

#### Sunshine & Shadow: Linda Waugh

- Carolyn Hammett broke her ankle. She is in a cast and has limited mobility. Luckily a friend had a scooter that she is able to use to get around. Let's shower her with cards and emails that she has a speedy recovery.
- <u>Gail MacCartney</u> was in the hospital suffering from pneumonia. She had to extend her stay in the hospital and hopefully she will be home this week. Please let's remember Gail with cards and emails.
- <u>Judy Hoffman</u> is recovering very well from her surgery. Yeh, Judy!!
- Anne Perry and her husband are both doing well and she thanks you all for your support.

#### Treasurer's Report: Cindy Pfotenhauer

- Please continue to follow these procedures. For auditing reasons, it is imperative that these procedures are followed when submitting income/expenses:
  - Original receipts must be submitted <u>no photo-copies</u>.

- Receipts for reimbursement must consist of <u>ONLY</u> items purchased for the guild. Do <u>NOT</u> combine items purchased for personal use with items purchased for guild use.
- If you are submitting income or requesting reimbursement for more than one committee, submit these on separate forms.
- Receipts and completed Reimbursement forms can be given to me at guild meetings or mailed to my home.
- 5. For any reimbursements that need to be mailed, please include the address.
- Reimbursement/Income forms are available on the Bits website and are provided at guild meetings.
- Please contact me with questions at cindypfot@gmail.com, or my cell 949-413-6473.
- Thank you so much for your cooperation. It is greatly appreciated.

#### **UFO: Judy Hoffman**

Please bring your FINISHED UFO's for show and tell.

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## THEQUILTEDFOX

# Quilt Show at The Quilted Fox!! Saturday, May 27



For more than 12 years The Quilted Fox has done a 1st or 3rd Saturday Block-of-the-Month. Many of our customers have participated and hundreds of quilts have been made!

On Saturday, May 27, we'll be hosting a quilt show of as many of the past quilts as we can assemble. The quilts will be hung in our "temporary gallery" (otherwise known as the 2nd floor hall). Come revisit these old friends!



#### 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

