

### **MEETING MINUTES**

There will be no June President's Message

> - Anne Perry, President

### 26 May 2015

Members Garage Sale preceded the beginning of the meeting and resumed after the business meeting.

Anne Perry, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05. Anne read a beautiful "Thank you" letter from the recipient of one of the Honor Flight Quilts.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved. The April budget report was accepted as posted.

Wendy Richardson reported on our next national speaker, Suzi Parron. Suzi's program will be on Barn Quilts. She will offer two workshops in addition to the program for our August meeting. Please contact Wendy to sign up for the workshops.

Nancy Peters brought us up to date on the preparations of our Fanfare of Quilts Show. Candy Grisham has volunteered to obtain judges for the show. Louise Morris and Linda Schwartz volunteered to co-chair Demonstrations.

Chris Williams, COK chair, reported that the Sew Day was very successful. Our next Sew Day will be held on June 16. Chris asked that if you make a quilt for COK or Quilts of Valor from your own fabric stash,

that you please stop by her table and fill out a form so there is a record of vour aift.

Debbie Ernst spoke about the Guild Challenge. She reminded us that the September Guild meeting will be the big reveal. She also announced that all of the "What's Your Number" guilts will be hung at the Fanfare of Quilts in March and will be eligible for judges' awards.

We continued with our Guild Garage Sale. All of the members enjoyed seeing and buying all of the lovely fabrics and assorted tools. ribbons. and other items too numerous to mention. And as you can guess, many of the sellers took home more than they brought to sell.

Many thanks to Linda, Mary, and Jean for making sure the sale was successful.

Show and Tell followed the sale with many wonderful quilts.

Anne adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Sagan, Secretary **8**(

#### Charity Sharity Update

Over the last six plus months, those groups that took used medicine bottles and patterns no longer want them. As a consequence, Charity Sharity is no longer accepting the bottles or patterns. But fortunately both are recyclable.

I want to remind you that if you or a group you are associated with have a need for fabric, to please contact me. We will do our best to meet your needs.

As always, thanks for all your contributions. They are put to good and varied uses.

Bonnie Brown

Anne Perry Barbara Gambrel Bernadette Delannay Fran Collins **Ginger Carter** Ivy Osborn Jane Falconer Jean Weber Karen Shafer Laura Khoury Mary Lou Melkowski Nancy O'Hara Rose Diringer 

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COK and More: Chris Williams

- The Company is still collecting the Floating Star Baggy Blocks. If you did not bring them to the May meeting, please bring them to the June meeting or give them to Nancy Peters so that "The Company" can complete the kits.
- The baggy blocks for May were provided by Jean Weber and it is a super easy block. All of the baggy blocks were taken to be sewn. Jean asked that all the blocks be returned at the June meeting because her son is getting married in July and she will have a short frame in which to get the kits completed.
- Candy Grisham and Judy Humphreys are the coordinators for the June baggy blocks.
- We had a great sew day on Tuesday, May 19, with 6 members sewing and 2 members cutting.
- The next Sew Days is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, and will be held at the Salem church from 9-4.
- THERE MAY BE A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FORMAT FOR THE JUNE SEW DAY. STAY TUNED AND LOOK FOR AN EMAIL WITH INFORMATION. We will need 5 people attending or the sew day will be cancelled.
- We continue to have a plethora of quilts that need quilting. If you are able, please consider quilting one of them.
- Just as a reminder, a kit does not have to have a purple ribbon on it in order to be quilted on a domestic machine, although I realize that some of the larger quilts are best/easiest quilted on a long arm. However, we need your help to get this stash of quilts completed so that they can be distributed.
- At the May meeting we received 18 quilts 10 from donations and 8 from COK kits.
- We do have several larger quilts completed and I will be distributing those to Epworth Center soon.
- A special "Thank you" to Tracy Back for her donation of fabric at the May "Garage Sale" meeting. At the end of the evening, Tracy gave me the opportunity to "shop" from her table for fabric for COK. The fabric is beautiful and we hope to see it in kits soon. What a great donation! Our thanks to Tracy for her generosity.
- If you donate a quilt, fabric, or item, please be sure to sign the donation sheet each month. Also, if you are donating to Quilts of Valor, please fill out the forms we have before giving the quilts to Dar Sforza.

### 2015 Guild Challenge: Roxanne Jasper and Debbie Ernst

• A reminder that the challenge quilts must be completed for the September meeting.

### Library: Kay Merz

 Our library is a valuable resource for our guild members. The library is located at the back of the meeting room in a cabinet in the side class room. I hope you will stop by the library table located outside this room. I am there to provide assistance in locating a specific book.

### Membership: Lisa Marsden and Laura Khoury

• No updates at this time.

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

Our guild uses many forms of social media in order to provide you with the most updated information about our guild.

- Cindy Holten—Newsletter editor
- Darla Gibson—Facebook and Yahoo Group
- Marsha Bray—Website

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding any of these media resources, please contact the respective individual for assistance.

### Programs for 2015 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- JUN 23 Program: Salad Supper presented by Debbie Miles and Jan Oehrle. Special Mystery Program by Judy Humphrey.
- <u>JUL 21</u> NOTE DATE CHANGED TO <u>THIRD</u> Tuesday. <u>Quilter's Minute</u>: Mona Howard <u>Program</u>: "Creative Quilt Documentation-Telling Your Quilt's Story" by Mindy Smith.
- <u>AUG 25</u> <u>Quilter's Minute</u>: TBD <u>Program</u>: Suzi Parron presents, "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement".
- SEP 22 <u>Quilter's Minute</u>: TBD <u>Program</u>: "What's Your Number" Challenge.
- OCT 27 Quilter's Minute: TBD
  Program: "From Merchant to Designer My Story" by
  Jenice Belling.
- NOV 24 Quilter's Minute: TBD
  Program: COK & More
- DEC 8 Program: Holiday Party

#### Quilt Show 2016: 10th Fanfare of Quilts Quilt Show Chair: Nancy Peters

- Marsha and Michele are sending out vendor letters next week, so if you know of any new vendors, send them the info ASAP.
- Thank you to Candy Grisham for volunteering to be our Judges Chairman!
- Thank you to Louise Morris and Linda Schwartz for volunteering to be our Demonstrations Chairmen!
- There are still more ways to help. So if you want to join in on the fun, call or email me!
- In the meantime, keep working on your entries. Remember that our goal is to have every member have at least one entry!
- Look for Registration Forms at our August Guild Meeting.

### Raffle Quilt: Darla Gibson

- I am so excited about the response we have gotten in the past two months on the raffle quilt! We have already taken in \$1,000+ in ticket sales! This was mostly from the great work the ladies did during the Shop Hop at Quilted Fox and members returning tickets. Plus we had another 396 tickets turned in at the May guild meeting! Woo hoo!
- Even more exciting is the potential earnings we still have. Our members have picked up over 2,800 tickets that have not been returned – this equates to about \$2,400 in sales (depending on how many 6 for \$5 are sold!). PLUS we have the "Blue Con-

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fetti" traveling this summer to our various quilt stores in the area. We are working on getting the quilts to the stores that are supporting the Row-by-Row program in order to get those out-of-town sales from the people traveling through St. Louis going to the Row-by-Row stores to get their travel row quilt patterns! "Blue Confetti" will be on display as follows:

- Hickory Stick May 8 May 27
- Susie Q's May 27 June 16
- Janie Lou June 16 July 7
- Merrily We Sew Along July 7 July 21
- Patchwork Plus (Wood River, IL) July 21 August 4
- Faust Park Fall Festival September 19 20
- Please support these stores and the Faust Park Festival as they are helping support us!
- Our ultimate goal is to reach the \$7,000 mark in ticket sales and we are well on our way! Don't forget to pick up your tickets if you haven't already done so. And, of course, get your tickets in for the August drawing! We will be drawing from all members who sell tickets or work at an event for a prize awarded at the September meeting!
- Thank you to all who have worked on this effort and for all your ticket sales!

### <u>Retreats</u>

### Toddhall (Columbia, IL): Susan Calzone

- Annually our guild hosts two overnight retreats for our members at Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center in Columbia, Illinois. Attendees work on whatever they want at their own pace. Besides sewing, everyone has fun sharing, learning, showing and telling. It makes for a great relaxed vacation doing what we love, quilting!
- The next retreat is in January of 2016, as noted below. Send me an email if you would like to sign up to attend; sesnowzone@charter.net. You may also visit me at our monthly guild meetings.
- Don't hesitate to be put on the wait list if you are unsure, or if spots fill, because there frequently are cancellations allowing wait listed members to attend.
- Future Retreat Dates:
  - January 20-24, 2016
  - June 8–12, 2016
- Detailed information can be found on our website at bitsnpiecesguild.com or our yahoo groups site at bitsquilts@yahoogroups.com. If you have questions feel free to contact me at <u>sesnowzone@charter.net</u>.

### Day Retreats: Darla Gibson

No Updates at this time.

### Sunshine & Shadow: Cindy Holten

- <u>Peggy Knight</u> Passed away May 8. A \$25.00 donation will be given to the American Cancer Society in her memory.
- <u>Donna Tharp</u> was in a serious car accident on May 27. She is home recuperating and is reported to be doing better. Let's brighten her day and speed up her recovery with cards, calls,

and prayers.

- <u>Fran Collins</u> had an article and her photo in the June/July issue of <u>Quilters Newsletter Magazine</u>. She wrote an essay for their regular feature "300 Words About Quilting". Congrats, Fran!
  - Please show our members your support through your thoughts, prayers, and cards.
  - Should you learn of a member's life event, health issue, award, or all things between, please email me at cmholten@sbcglobal.net, and I will be sure to both announce it in the newsletter as well as send a card from the Guild.

### Treasurer's Report: Jean Weber

- The Reimbursement/Income Submission form is used to document all money requests and helps to clarify transactions. The Treasurer, Jean Weber, will also have hard copies of the form at the monthly meetings.
- Methods of Reimbursement/Income Submission:
  - When <u>submitting</u> to the Treasurer in person:
    - Please complete a Reimbursement/Income form and attach your receipt.
  - When <u>submitting</u> to the Treasurer <u>by email</u>:
  - Please include reason for payment, the total amount requested, and a scanned/attached file copy of the invoice and/or receipts. The reimbursement form is not needed for an emailed request.
- The Treasurer's Report is posted to the Yahoo Group each month and may be found on our website in the "Members Only" tab.
- The Reimbursement/Income form can also be found on our website in the "Members Only" tab.

### Workshops By Members:

• No updates at this time.

### Workshops by National Speakers: Wendy Richards

- Suzi Parron, authored with Donna Sue Groves, "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement". Suzi will lecture at the August 25 guild meeting on: Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement. To see some amazing barn quilts, check out Suzi's blog: http://americanquilttrail.blogspot.com/.
- Workshops will be on Tuesday afternoon, August 25, and Wednesday morning, August 26. Sign up for either morning OR afternoon.
- Details of workshop will be posted to our website, once all information is confirmed.
- For more info or to sign up, contact Wendy Richards at whoob@aol.com.

### UFOs: Bernice Dodge and Peggy Anderson

No Updates at this time.

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## The Fox Follows the Roman Road starts in August 2015 Our First or Third Saturday Block of the Month

This unique Quilted Fox design will include all the textures and tones of antique stone. The colors will range from the pale gleam of aged limestone to the blackness of basalt. Registration for the main block is \$15. The alternate block for the year is \$55 or by the month for \$5 per month. This will be a pieced quilt. Registration is now open. Call 314-993-1181 to register. Space is limited so call soon!

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 EVENTS

**June 6-7**—Hearts and Hands Quilt Show 2015, Quilts from the Heart. 10-5 Saturday, 11-4 Sunday, \$5 admission. Held at Whiteside Middle School, 111 Warrior Way, Belleville, IL <u>www.heartsnhandsquilt.com</u> for more information.

June 14, 2015 Art Bits Exhibit At Urban Eats 11 am to 2 pm brunch. Urban Eats Café is located at 3301 Meramec Street 63118. The café is on the corner of Meramec and Virginia Ave. You can park on Meramec or Virginia.