

Fan Mail

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JUNE 2014

Guild Program for June 24, 2014

Mystery Program

*by
Judy Humphrey*

MEETING MINUTES

27 May 2014

The May 27, 2014, meeting of Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild was called to order by President Judy Humphrey at 7PM.

Minutes from the April, 2014, meeting were approved.

Members presented their Show and Tell finished projects.

Announcements and Committee reports followed Show and Tell.

The members of Crazy Quilters mini group have graciously volunteered to create the Raffle Quilt for the 2016 Quilt Show.

Phyllis Nelson presented the Quilter's Minute.

Cover Our Kids chairman Chris Williams announced that all of the COK fabric has been moved to the church. A fabric sorting day will be held to organize the fabric and arrange it for easy access. Sew Days will be resuming in the fall.

Tracy Back announced that this year's guild challenge will be due at the November meeting.

Membership committee, Laura Khoury and Lisa Marsden, announced there were 96 people in attendance. New members and visitors were introduced. Door prizes were donated by In Stitches and Laura Khoury.

Judy Humphrey announced that her husband's Masonic Lodge had generously raised a large donation for the Honor Flight program that our guild sponsored at this year's quilt show.

Wendy Richards had the privilege of introducing Susan K. Cleveland. Susan teaches on the national level and shared many exciting piping and binding techniques with us. The trunk show of her work which included many First Place prize winners was a real treat. Susan taught three classes for our membership the following Wednesday and Thursday.

Respectfully submitted by
Sandy Sagan

Card from Sewing Machine Raffle Winner

*Dear Bits & Pieces Quilt
Guild Members,*

*Thank you. Thank you.
Thank you. Very excited and
appreciative that I won the
Babylock at your quilt show.*

*Jackman's was great to work
with and let me upgrade to a
serger. I already have a ma-
chine to embroider with but
always wanted a Babylock
serger. You made that possi-
ble. First lesson is Thursday!
Woo Hoo!*

*Sincerely,
Sharon Banner*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is a busy time for all, with graduations, weddings, outings, and vacations. In another month our weather will be HOT. That is when I tend to stay indoors in the cool. Actually some times I get quite a lot of sewing done.

Right now I have my Kid's challenge up on the wall. As I pass it, I look at it and wait for it to "tell" me what pattern should be used, what fabric, what color. And I find that if by waiting, it will come to me what to do. So far, I do have an idea. Will that be what actually is the final design? We'll see.

The COK program is going through some changes. Chris Williams has decided that the fabric will be permanently stored at the church and is in the process of sorting it into tubs. We have fabric galore and possibly will go back to more scrappy quilts to utilize the fabric that we have. Further changes will be announced at a later date.

At each meeting, please be sure to check the COK table for possible baggie blocks and for any quilts in need of piecing, quilting or binding. Also please be sure to return all finished or unfinished baggie blocks at the June meeting.

So now I'm off on vacation!

Judy Humphrey
President



COMMITTEE REPORTS

AQS: Marian Collins

- AQS received one order. I need another order to be able to use coupons for shipping. Today a new catalogue was sent out, it has lots of new kits, fabrics and books. "Adding Layers" by Kathy Doughty of Material Obsession, and "Minimal Quilting" by Gwen Marston both looked interesting. Check out the catalog and call or email me to order.

COK and More: Chris Williams

- The Sew Day on Saturday, May 3, was a success with 8 people attending. Thanks to all who attended and to Cheryl Cobert for allowing us to use her space at Cobert Associates. It really is a very nice facility.
- We generally take a summer hiatus from sew days, but if there is enough interest in a sew day this summer, I may schedule one for July. If you are interested send me an email and indicate if you prefer a weekday or week end date. If I have a small group for a weekday, I may try to arrange something either here at the church or at another location.
- The biggest COK news is that the fabric has been moved to the church basement and will be permanently stored there. While it may be a little inconvenient at times, it really is a good solution for storing the fabric at a central location.
- Our next step is to sort the fabric to determine what we really have in our fabric "bank". A sort day has been scheduled and volunteers lined up. At the next meeting we will have a better idea of our fabric "bank" to report as well as possible changes for COK.
- Several quilts that need quilting and several kits that need sewing were taken home from the COK table. Thanks to those who volunteered. Unfortunately (or fortunately depending on your perspective) there are no quilts to be bound and we thank those of you who offered to bind quilts.
- Also, this is a reminder that if you that if you have taken baggie blocks home, please do not forget about them over the summer. Check your sewing areas and give yourself a reminder to return them at the June meeting. Remember—those blocks become quilts and someone out there is in need of a quilt.
- We will be distributing quilts within the next couple of weeks. As of now we have a supply of approximately 50 – 60 or more quilts to distribute. We will report the tally and receiving organizations at the June meeting. Thanks to all of you for contributing. We have some beautiful quilts to donate.
- Summer activities seem to overtake us all, but please find time to make a stitch or two on a Cover Our Kids & More quilt.

Library: Phyllis Nelson

- The library has a new book compliments of Susan Cleveland, "Piping Hot Curves."
- For those of you who didn't get to hear her or take one of her classes the books are well illustrated and easy to follow. Also, for those of us who are lefties, she includes right and LEFT handed drawings. Check it out.

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 Pam Bryan for the In-Stitches gift certificate for our attendance prizes!!
- 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!
- We had 96 people in attendance at the May meeting.
- Two new members joined us -- Linda Henning and Debbie Akin. Welcome to all and we hope you enjoyed the meeting!
- To date, we have 158 members that have paid their 2014 Membership dues.

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 is our newsletter editor
- Darla Gibson manages both our Facebook page and Yahoo Group
- Marsha Bray is our Website master

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

Programs for 2014 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- **JUN 24—Quilter's Minute:** Susan Myrick
Program: Judy Humphrey, Mystery Program
- **JUL 22—Quilter's Minute:** Barb Warner
Program: Velora Mowry, What Judges Look for in a Quilt.
- **AUG 26—Quilter's Minute:** Kathy Cavaness
Program: A Round Robin of Techniques and Tips by Members
- **SEP 23—Quilter's Minute:** Ivy Osborn
Program: Let's Talk About Machine Quilting by Members
- **OCT 28—Quilter's Minute:** Fran Collins
Program: Finding Your Quilt Voice by Marilyn Fallert, Carol Lovelace, and Mary Lou Melkowski
- **NOV 25—Quilter's Minute:** Cindy Neville
Program: Guild Challenge by Tracy Back and Cover Our Kids and More by Chris Williams
- **DEC 09—Program:** Guild Holiday Party

Retreats at Toddhall: Susan Calzone

- Our guild's retreats provide a wonderful opportunity for our members to enjoy working on their own projects while getting to know and learn from one another. For more information phone Susan at 636-532-9150.
 - June 4th - 8th, 2014 Blackburn Meeting Room, full
 - January 21st-25th, 2015
 - June 3rd - 7th, 2015
 - January 20th - 24th, 2016
 - June 8th - 12th, 2016
- Susan Calzone sesnowzone@charter.net and Anne Perry anne_perry@sbcglobal.net



Sunshine and Shadow: Peggy Knight

- **Ann Diehl** - A case of bronchitis sent her to the hospital.
- **Mona Howard** - announced she is battling another round of cancer.
- **Nellie Mueller**— is in the hospital with a serious case of pneumonia.

Please show these members your support through your prayers and cards.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Wiley

- The **Treasurer's Report** can be found in our Yahoo Group.
- **Reimbursement / Income Form**—can be found on the Guild website (bitsnpiecesguild.com) under the "Guild Forms and Flyers" tab, as well as 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

- I have heard only positive feedback about Susan Cleveland's lectures and classes — she is a bundle of professionalism and personality. She was able to roll in to the lecture at the guild meeting after a day of cancelled and stand-by flights. The classes were filled with tips and tricks as well as excellent step-by-step instructions. For those who were not able to attend classes, several books were purchased for the guild library. Also, our own Candy Grisham teaches the Piping Hot Binding at the Quilted Fox. Quilted Fox also carries the tool and spools of cording, as well as the fine Bohin needles. And of course, our own members are always happy to share what they've learned.

Workshops by Members: Nellie Mueller

- No updates at this time.

UFOs: Mary Lou Melkowski

- I was unable to attend the June meeting. I hope there were a lot of finished U.F.O.s. If you had a U.F.O for show and tell you can record it on your sheet at the July meeting. There have not been a lot of finished project so far this year. We are looking to see some really old ones finished. Once the weather gets too hot and humid to be outside head for that cool sewing room and pull out one of those U.F.O.s to finish.



MINI GROUPS

Please contact the Mini Group's Coordinator for schedules, meeting times and locations, and for any 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

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

NIGHTTIME NEEDLERS

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

Contact: Anne Perry - 314-922-5965

PIECES OF FRIENDSHIP

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm

Contact: Nancy Muskopf –636 458 0360

SCRAPS

Meets the 2nd Monday of the mo. from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Contact: Ivy Osborn - 636-284 7660

SOUTHERN STITCHERS

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

Contact: Lynn DeWitt – 314 342 6772





THE QUILTED FOX



The Fox In The Forest starts in August 2014

Our First or Third Saturday Block of the Month

This unique Quilted Fox design will feature all the warmth and beauty of our own Missouri forests. 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.

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

September 19 & 20: Round Bobbin Quilt, Sewing & Fiber Art Expo, St. Charles Convention Center—Hwy 70 & 5th Street. A wide variety of vendors and many great workshops and with the award winning Sharon Schamber conducting workshops this year. Check out www.roundbobbin.com for additional details.

September 24-27: MQX Quilt Festival-Midwest, Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL. Over 100 classes, Quilt Show and Vendor Mall, Guest Speaker Mark Lipinski. For more details check out www.MQXShow.com, or call 866.675.4355.

June Birthdays

*Ginger Carter
Dee Clevenger
Fran Collins
Bernadette Delannay
Rose Diringer
Jane Falconer
Barbara Gambrel
Laura Khoury
Joan Marshall
Mary Lou Melkowski
Nancy O'Hara
Ivy Osborn
Anne Perry
Reba Smedshammer
Jean Weber*

