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Guild Meeting June 27, 2017

"Tips on Entering a Prize Winning Quilt in a Quilt Show" By Cindy Neville



Have you ever thought about entering a quilt in a show? It is the ultimate Show and Tell! Cindy Bell Neville has been entering national quilt shows since 2008 and although she has not personally won a ribbon (yet), she was part of a group that made an award-winning quilt. That group is "The Amazing Eight". And it is truly an amazing group. The ladies started quilting together five years ago after meeting online at thequilt-show.com. These quilters are from Mississippi, Ohio, Texas, Tennessee, lowa, Missouri, and Illinois and the quilt making process traveled through all these states. The group was thrilled to receive an award for "The Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt", their third quilt created together. Both of their previous quilts were juried into the Paducah contest

in other years, but this is their first award.

Cindy will share why and how she enters quilt shows and what it was like to make a prizewinning quilt. She'll provide many of the "How To's" and disclose how rewarding it is to share your creations with the quilting community.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

QUILT EVENTS

Have you ever noticed that the height of the laundry pile is directly related to the amount of creative quilting taking place in your home? We fondly refer to this pile as "Mount Nana". This week Mount Nana has become a mountain range. I have been busy working on my wall hanging for the "Get Your Mojo-Show Our Logo" challenge. By the way, it's not too late to make a challenge quilt of your own!

I highly recommend our workshops! I also was able to attend Becky Goldsmith's workshop. Workshops are a great way to get your creative juices flowing. Thank you, Wendy Richards, for organizing this event.

Now that the warm weather is here it is harder to stay inside to quilt. I have started making kits of portable projects so I can sew while I'm on the go.

There are several opportunities to volunteer for the guild this summer. Sign up to sell tickets for the raffle quilt. For more information, refer to the newsletter.

Thank you to all the ladies who have agreed to help with the Salad Supper at our July meeting. Penny Edinger has a fun evening planned for us.

Now I have to get back to quilting. Mount Nana will have to wait.

Best regards, Peggy Anderson, President <u>Ozark Quilting Trail</u>—The 2017 adventure runs **April 1—July 31**. For details contact: www.ozarkquiltingtrail.com.

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

May 23, 2017

President Peggy Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 25, 2017.

Treasurer Cindy Pfotenhauer announced that she will be out of town and President Anderson will write reimbursement checks in her absence.

President Anderson announced the newsletter deadline of May 26, 2017 at 5 pm.

National Speakers co-chair Candy Grisham discussed the Susan Brubaker Knapp workshops. There are still openings. Members can sign-up in the back of the meeting room.

Raffle Quilt chair Chris Williams announced that raffle tickets are available and each member is expected to sell a minimum of 24 tickets. She asked guild members for ideas where the quilt could be displayed and raffle tickets sold. Give your ideas to Chris and she will make all arrangements.

The salad supper will be held July 25, 2017 and Chairperson Penny Edinger is looking for committee volunteers.

National Speakers chair Wendy Richards introduced Becky Goldsmith of Piece O' Cake Designs. Becky presented her program "A Practical Approach to Color".

Challenge Quilt chair Cindy Holten encouraged guild members to participate in the challenge.

Cover Our Kids chairperson Louise Morris announced that she has 151 quilts on the books. She has seven quilts that need to be quilted and four that need to be pieced. She asked members to donate twin-size quilts. She is not accepting any quilts without labels. There are no sew days scheduled, but she will try to arrange a sew day for a Saturday in July.

Quilt Show chair Joyce Zepp asked for volunteers to chair bed turning and library cases for the 2018 show.

After a 15 minute break, membership co-chair Candy Grisham announced that 122 people were in attendance including 10 visitors. Attendance prizes were awarded.

A drawing was held for the Block of the Month quilt top and Bernice Dodge was the lucky winner. Another drawing will be held in September for those participants who have assembled their quilt tops. All completed quilts will be displayed at the 2018 Quilt Show and a ribbon will be awarded.

Many members participated in show and tell.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

THE Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Tote



★ THIS Jumbo tote is one fabulous tool to add to your quilting cache! It is made of heavy gauge microfiber fabric with a full length outside zipper for easy access and security. it has sturdy 2" webbing handles, a small exterior pocket behind the logo, and a zippered interior pocket... Plus IT Folds flat for storage. It measures 30" long x 18.5" high x 6" deep. So it can Easily hold a queen size quilt or an large arsenal of your quilting supplies. The tote comes in Black only with our dynamite bits logo in white!

This great tote Will be available at the guild meetings beginning June 27 and only costs \$15 (Cash only please). Please Contact Sue Meyer (636) 517-1280 or suziequilt@hotmail.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Block of the Month: Mary Lou Melkowski

- The winner of the quilt top was Bernice Dodge. Congratulations Bernice!
- To date there have been 428 blocks made. Don't forget the showing of finished tops at the September meeting. We will all be amazed by the beauty, variety and colors used in the tops!
- If you haven't finished your blocks yet keep working on them. Our goal is to have a large display at the 2018 Quilt Show.

COK and More: Louise Morris

- Cover our Kids continues to appreciate the numbers of quilts that are put on our table every month, and this month 20 donated quilts, 1 quilt top, 8 little dresses, and 12 kits were all turned in! In addition, 7 out of 7 quilts to be quilted and 1 out if 3 quilts to be pieced were signed out. We currently have 174 quilts logged in and I am preparing bags for distribution next week.
- I want to thank Chris Williams for the donation of time and materials that went into the over 600 labels she brought in this month. They are much easier to work with than the previous batch. If you were not at the meeting and need some, email me and I will mail them to you.
- We have had our first Quilt Show meeting and are
 discussing additional ways of promoting the many
 faces of our COK contributors, including our youngest
 quilters so far, we have 4 grandchildren of members
 who quilt, one boy and three girls, aged 4 to 15! Their
 pictures and samples of their work will be on display.
 Looking for other grandkids who quilt to take part in
 this so please send me names ages and pictures so
 we can include them.
- I am hoping to have a sew day in July and The Company will be our Baggy Block Chairmen for July. See you in June.

Guild Challenge: Cindy Holten

- To sign up for the 2017 Guild Challenge, "GET YOUR MOJO—SHOW OUR LOGO", please stop by the Guild Challenge Table at each guild meeting.
- But hurry...all completed guild challenge quilts are due by the September 26 guild meeting.
- To those that have signed up, please be sure to complete a 2018 Fanfare of Quilts Show Registration
 Form. This will need to be turned in before or along

- with your completed guilt.
- If you have any questions, please contact me at cmholten@sbcglobal.net.

Library: Kay Merz

- Hopefully you were able to attend our May guild meeting and heard the wonderful presentation and trunk show given by Becky Goldsmith of Piece O' Cake. Her workshops on the following two days were packed with an incredible amount of information and a chance to learn or improve on wool appliqué and needle turned appliqué. Her workshop on color was informative, fun and packed with ideas for using color, demonstrating how easily our designs can be changed. Hopefully, it made those attending more comfortable with their color choices and more creative with their guilting projects.
- Your guild library has a DVD on Becky's method of needle turned appliqué and a couple of her books. The Piece O' Cake website also has some videos on various appliqué techniques which can be used as a follow-up to her classes.
- If you are trying to figure out how to quilt that project you are working on for the 2018 Quilt Show or that project for someone special, you might want to check out our guild library for a new Craftsy DVD, "Help! How Do I Quilt It?" by Angela Walters. This is the same class taught on Craftsy's website. It covers quilting appliqué quilts, quilts with small spaces, paper pieced quilts, sampler quilts, quilts with large spaces and medallion quilts.
- We also received donated books on machine quilting, mini quilts, piecing patterns and Wackeroo Quilts which you might want to check out.
- 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 May meeting we welcomed 2 new members, and 10 guests with 122 quilters in attendance.
- 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

- We had wonderful workshops with Becky Goldsmith. She really enjoyed her time with our guild... well, of course she did!
- The August lecture and workshops with Susan Brubaker Knapp are the last planned and scheduled National Speakers we have for the year.
- Candy Grisham has volunteered to continue to chair the National Speakers program and Marsha Bray has volunteered to be her co-chair. Thank you, ladies.
- The 2017 Programs/National Speakers
- <u>June 27</u>: Cindy Neville "Tips On Entering a Prizewinning Quilt In A Show."
- <u>July 25</u>: Salad Supper, Penny Edinger Coordinator.
 - The Salad Supper has been confirmed and will be on our regular meeting Penny Edinger has volunteered to chair this committee and has fun plans for the evening. The committee members are: Debra Kramer, Kathy Chitwood, Elizabeth Stewart, Mary

- Ann Barr, Carol Wibbenmeyer, Mary Lou Bowler AND
- if new members are interested in sharing in the fun, please contact Penny at 1-702-595-6241(cell#) or email her at jandpedinger@charter.net.
- The Salad Supper is always a fun evening and this year's event promises to be as well...(hint)...THINK TROPICAL!
- 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 whoob@aol.com 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.

Quilt Show 2018

QS18 Updates: Joyce Zepp, Coordinator

- The Quilt Show Committee met on Saturday, May 20. In attendance were Nancy Peters, Chris Williams, Louise Morris, Mary Miller, Sarah Stevens, Penny Edinger (who is taking over the Charity Raffle chairmanship), and Joyce Zepp.
- It was decided to eliminate Door Prizes, and instead use any donations from vendors to enhance the Charity Raffle. Choosing a charity for the raffle was discussed, and Penny will investigate Places for People Homeless Shelter and the Missouri Veterans Endeavor. She will also contact Judy Vogt and inform her that any vendor donations will go to the raffle.
- Special Exhibits was discussed, and there will potentially be two: Karen Tye's grief series, and Nancy will talk to Darlene Sforza to see if Kevin the Quilter will show his Radar Quilt. Nancy will also contact Fran Collins to see if Suzanne Marshall would agree to be

- Featured Quilter. Mary will coordinate with the Featured Quilter.
- The lack of leadership for Public Library Cases was discussed, but it was agreed to continue to try to find someone to take that on. It was reported that Phyllis Nelson had handled that in the past, and Joyce will contact her to see if she will consider handling it again. Christine and Sarah will investigate putting posters up in libraries.
- Nancy will deliver the indoor signs to Eileen Finkel, who will be updating them. Eileen will need a budget for the signs.
- Louise proposed adding a section for grandmother/ grandchildren quilters, and that idea was met with enthusiasm.
- Chris reported the Raffle Quilt is coming along.
- Nancy said the vendor letters should be sent out in June.
- It was decided that the schedule for the next four committee meetings will be as follows:
 - Tuesday. June 27, 5:30 pm, at the church before the regular meeting
 - Saturday, July 22, 9:30 am, at the West County Firehouse, 223 Henry Road
 - Tuesday, August 22, 5:30 pm, at the church before the regular meeting
 - Saturday, September 23, 9:30 am, at the West County Firehouse, 223 Henry Road
- Thank you to the following people who stepped up to chair committees at the May meeting: Celeste Clark and Irene Anderson, Bed Turning; Susan Calzone, Sewing Machine Raffle; Laurie Schrader, Volunteers. We still need a chairperson for Public Library Cases.
- 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: Penny Edinger

I will be in charge of the Charity Raffle for our upcoming show and would be happy to receive any donations for the raffle. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with the raffle, please contact Penny at 636 778-0536, cell 702 595-6241 or email: jandpedinger@charter.net.

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 June 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! Need more tickets? We'll be happy to supply you with those!
- Current Locations for Display of Raffle Quilt:
 - 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
- Carol Spindler is displaying the Raffle Quilt at the Jefferson Star Quilt Guild on Monday, August 21st.
- 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.
- If any member has a church picnic/event or other social group or event that you think would be a good place to display the quilt and sell tickets, please contact Chris Williams, Nancy Stratte, Kathy Chitwood or Phyllis Bednarek. We will happily make the contact and take care of the rest. Thanks!

Retreats

Retreats Todd Hall, Columbia, IL

Chair: Susan Calzone - January and June retreats

- sesnowzone@charter.net

Co-Chair: Laurie Schrader - Weekend Retreat -

laurieaschrader@gmail.com

Retreats are GREAT! 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 - Email Susan if you want to be contacted in the event of a cancellation. January 17-20 2018, add-on day January 16.

Approximate prices:

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 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

This retreat is ideal for those members who are looking for a smaller commitment of time and /or money, or are only available on weekends. A 'first rights of refusal 'policy applies. That is, those who have attended both the January and June retreat will be put at the bottom of the sign up list so others have a chance to attend.

The weekend retreat is filling. If you'd like to attend contact Laurie Schrader to see if there are openings and to get signed-up. Deposits of \$75 are currently due.

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

 <u>Shirley Witcher</u> - A new member, lost her husband, Charles on May. The Guild sent a donation to the World Bird Sanctuary in memory of Charles Witcher. This is a difficult time for Shirley, and I know she will

- appreciate cards and emails of support. So many of our members have lost their spouses in the last two years and it can be such a shock, a time of transition and great change. Let's be there for Shirley.
- Roxann Jasper was just notified by the Houston International Quilt Festival that her Applique quilt, "Lazy Days of Summer", was accepted and will be exhibited at the 2017 Festival. Congratulations to you, Roxann! This quilt was first shown in the 2016 Bits' n Pieces quilt show and won the Viewers Choice And



Best Applique award. It will also be a part of the Houston traveling exhibit so it will not be back home until August, 2018. So many quilters will enjoy it and be inspired by Roxann's Applique work as well as her hand dyed fabrics. Let's give a shout out to Roxann! Whoohoo!!

 Please contact me with any information for Sunshine and Shadow: Linda Waugh at lkampwaugh@charter.net or 314-909-8559.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Pfotenhauer

- I am out of town until July. Please contact/see Peggy Anderson through the month of June for all check requests. She will also accept deposits at the June meeting.
- 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>.

- 2. Receipts for reimbursement must consist of **ONLY** items purchased for the guild. Do **NOT** combine items purchased for personal use with items purchased for guild use.
- 3. If you are submitting income or requesting re-imbursement for more than one committee, submit these on **separate** forms.
- 4. 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 guestions 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 <u>FINISHED</u> UFO's to the June meeting for show and tell.

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The Fox Meets Monet!

We are now taking registrations for the 2017/2018 Block-Of-the Month. Sign up for either the 1st Saturday or 3rd Saturday. Call for details at 314-993-1181.





Kinderhook Retreat July 9–16, 2017

Choose either the 4 night or 3 night or combine them for a full week of retreating!

The 4 night retreat is July 9-13, 2017 for \$435. Arrive Sunday 4:00 pm and leave 2:00 on Thursday.

The 3 night retreat is July 13-16, 2017 for \$385 per person. Arriving 4:00 pm on Thursday/ Departing 2:00 pm on Sunday. Meals included. **Only a few spaces left!!**

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

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