

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE: JULY 21, 2015

Invisible Women and Silent Quilts by Mindy Smith



Mindy Smith (<http://bymindysmith.com/home.html>) is a textile/mixed media artist in Columbia, Missouri. She teaches quilting art classes and lectures on the topics—Documenting your Quilts and Discovering the Story in the Quilt. Mindy started quilting 30 years ago and has made many commissioned quilts, as well as, several that were donated to charitable auctions. Her fiber art has been displayed at the University of Missouri.

She says she is very blessed with her life of quilting—she makes quilts for charities, her art quilts have been displayed, she is active in her guild, and teaches art quilting, free motion quilting, and thread painting, plus she curates a quilt showing for the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia.

But, with all that richness in her life, it always is still heartbreaking to Mindy when she sees quilts in shops with no label...no identification of who the quilter was and why she made that quilt. The quilt is a document of that woman's life, but she is invisible to me.

Mindy became fascinated with that "invisible woman" and longed for the story of each of those "silent quilts" so she began to develop processes that tell that story—a communication with the world—within the quilts she makes. That is the fundamentals of her presentation. We all have life experiences and so do our quilts and Mindy will share unique methods of being the voice of your quilt by creatively documenting the special stories of each quilt. You won't even need any new tools.

BITS 'N' PIECES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is here.

According to the experts, summer began on June 21st. However, for members of the Bits 'n' Pieces quilt guild, summer began with a wonderful salad supper. Our fearless organizers Debbie Miles and Jan Oehrle are imaginative event planners. Also Debbie might have another career as a creative writer. Her story was great, and one would wonder if quilters were able to tell their right from their left hands. But all was successful and in the end everyone had a number for a white elephant gift. By the way, each white elephant was beautifully and deceptively wrapped, and they ranged from exquisite findings to possible future white elephants. For those of you who went to retreat we saw Debbie and Jan busily working on prizes for the salad supper. The shoe bags and other travel bags were very clever. So Jan and Debbie on behalf of the guild, thank you for volunteering your free time and creating a successful event.

Congratulations to Fran Collins on her column "Quilts and Kids" on page 22 in the June/July Quilters Newsletter. It is a nice tribute to Fran's love of family and her quilting artistry. Fran, thanks for sharing it with us during June guild's Show and Tell. It is beautifully written.

To June Retreaters, a warm thank you for finding my "lost" yellow fabric. The June Retreat members helped me out, and these pieces will go in that quilt. I loved the laugh and remember two things. First, what goes on at retreat stays in retreat, and second; my memory is long and good.

Members of the quilt guild have periodically asked if they could bring food for the church's food collection. There is a grocery cart near the ladies room. Please feel free to bring on goods and non-perishable items.

Remember the July meeting was changed to July 21. See you then.

Have a safe and happy July 4th with your friends and families. Also, Go Cards!

Anne Perry
President

No Minutes were submitted for the 23 June 2015 meeting.

What a delicious and hilariously fun Salad Supper was this evening! Kudos to Jan and Debbie for the creative story and games and the laughs we had with our White Elephant surprises! Thank you ladies!- Darla Gibson

-WANTED-

If you want
to have fun with a small group of Bits 'n' Pieces
quilters . . .
to give back to your Bits 'n' Pieces Guild . . .
to make new quilting contacts,
Then . . .

We want you
to consider joining the Program Committee for
2016.

Mary, Jean and Linda will be rotating off this
committee in December and need some new
members to take over the Program Committee.

So round up the usual suspects (friends) and get
on board!

Please contact:

Linda Waugh at Lkampwaugh@charter.net.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COK and More: Chris Williams

- This past month, I delivered 16 quilts to Epworth Center and each one "was their favorite". Epworth is always so appreciative of the quilts and the effort you all take to make them colorful and beautiful.
- The baggy blocks for May were provided by Jean Weber. If you have not returned them, please mail them to Jean. Her son is getting married later this summer and she will have a short time window to get the kits completed.
- Candy Grisham and Judy Humphrey are the coordinators for the June baggy blocks and there is a sign out sheet in the back. A reminder that the blocks are due to be returned at the JULY 21ST Meeting. There are still baggy blocks available and they will be at the July meeting.
- Bernadette Delannay is the baggy block coordinator for the July meeting and has a cute, easy block. Be sure to pick some up at the July meeting.
- **COK Sew Day - CHANGE OF DATE - WEDNESDAY, JULY 22**, the day after our July meeting. The Church is having several weeks of seminars and is not available on Saturdays for awhile.
- This will not be a sew day but a work day – Measuring and sorting of new fabrics and cutting of scraps and of some quilt kits. No sewing machines needed, but bring your own rotary cutter and a favorite ruler. I will have cutting mats, ironing boards, plenty of fabric. If you cannot cut but can iron, come. Can't stand? We have adjustable ironing boards. I can always find something for you to do. The time will be our usual – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. I hope to get a great turnout.
- I will send a reminder of the Sew Day before the day.
- You can bring any quilts you have for COK to the July meeting. My family members from Hong Kong will be gone and there will be a place in my home for the quilts again.
- Until then – have a great summer!

2015 Guild Challenge: Roxanne Jasper and Debbie Ernst

- A Request from the Challenge Committee: The What's Your Number? Committee will need white king size sheets and any quilt display racks that might be available for the September challenge meeting. Please contact any challenge committee members if you have these items for loan.
- Also, there will be a sign-up sheet at the July and August meetings for those who are participating. We would like to encourage anyone to turn in their challenge quilts at the August meeting.
- Thanks much, Roxanne Jasper, Debbie Ernst, Terry Rhodes, Mary Lou Melkowski, Challenge Committee.

Library: Kay Merz

- As we enjoy the summer months, many of us go on vacation and/or enjoy relaxing moments on our decks and patios. Remember that our guild library is not only a valuable resource for quilting and learning new techniques, but there are also many quilting novels available for your relaxation and enjoyment. Why not curl up with a good quilting novel as you enjoy some fresh air and relaxation.
- The library is located at the back of the meeting room in a cabinet in the side class room. If you need assistance in finding a

book or want to check out or return a book, stop by the library table located outside this room. I am there to provide any help required.

Membership: Lisa Marsden and Laura Khoury

- No updates at this time.

Media Resources: Cindy Holten/Darla Gibson/Marsha Bray

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

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

Programs for 2015 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- **JUL 21** **NOTE DATE CHANGED TO THIRD** Tuesday.
Quilter's Minute: Mona Howard
Program: "Invisible Women and Silent Quilts" by Mindy Smith.
- **AUG 25** Quilter's Minute: No QM
Program: Suzi Parron presents, "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement".
- **SEP 22** Quilter's Minute: Trish Hill
Program: "What's Your Number" Challenge.
- **OCT 27** Quilter's Minute: Rosemary Hopkins
Program: "From Merchant to Designer - My Story" by Jenice Belling.
- **NOV 24** Quilter's Minute: Gail MacCartney
Program: COK & More
- **DEC 8** Program: Holiday Party

Quilt Show 2016: 10th Fanfare of Quilts

Quilt Show Chair: Nancy Peters

- The vendor letters were sent out the first of June and we already have 5 vendors! I'm sure we will have many more returning vendors – we always do! It will be exciting to have new vendors, too. Better start saving my money so I can shop!
- Continue working on your "masterpieces". Our quilts are what makes Fanfare of Quilts the best show in town... of course, I am a little biased!

Raffle Quilt: Darla Gibson

- !We have had a great response so far...both in ticket sales and general response to the beauty of the quilt. The quilt has been to Hannibal at Hickory Stick Quilt Store and is now at Suzie Q's in O'Fallon. If your friends haven't seen it, keep track of its location and take them on a visit when it is at a quilt store near you.
- The team is working hard on getting it to various locations. If you will be going to any retreats, quilt stores outside of St. Louis, or other venues that might be interested in tickets, please contact Ginny Rainey (kgrainey@menkel.org) to arrange to have the quilt travel with you or to pick up additional tickets for selling. We appreciate all you do!
- "Blue Confetti" Display Locations:
 - Hickory Stick May 8 – May 27



COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

- 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
- Jackman's October 10-12

Retreats

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 June 2015 retreat has come and gone and what a wonderful time was had by all. There were so many beautiful quilts being worked on. We got a sneak peek at some challenge quilts, both Bits 'n' Pieces and for the Hoffman Challenge. Many tops were completed and held up for the traditional 'TaDa' moment. Maybe some will be finished in time for our 2016 'Fanfare of Quilts' show!
- The next retreat is in January of 2016, as noted below. If you would like to sign up I prefer you send an email to me at sesnowzone@charter.net. You may also sign up with me in person at a guild meeting. Don't hesitate to be put on the wait list if you are unsure, or if spots fill, because there are frequently cancellations allowing wait listed members to attend.
- Costs are calculated separately for each retreat and vary slightly. For your information, **approximate costs are as follows and include bedroom, meals*, and sewing area fees:**
 - with a double occupancy bedroom – \$70 per day
 - with a single occupancy bedroom - \$92 per day**meal opt out option available and may incur a small daily fee.*
- Future Retreat Dates:
 - **January 20 – 24, 2016;**
 - **June 8 – 12, 2016**
- Additional information can be found on our website at bitsnpiecesguild.com or our yahoo groups site at bitsquilts@yahoo.com. If you have questions feel free to contact me at sesnowzone@charter.net.

Day Retreats: Darla Gibson

- No Updates at this time.

Sunshine & Shadow: Cindy Holten

- **Ivy Osborn** - Has been having some health issues, one of which is Shingles and a negative reaction to medication. And to add insult to injury her computer bit the dust!

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 submitting to the Treasurer in person:
 - Please complete a Reimbursement/Income form and attach your receipt.
 - When submitting to the Treasurer by email:
 - 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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JULY 21 GUILD MEETING



THE QUILTED FOX



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

September 19-20, 2015 - Raintree Quilters Guild's Quilt Show in Evansville, IN. Getting a group together for a road trip can be a lot of fun, especially when you all have something like quilting in common. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hampton, Publicity Chairperson, Raintree Quilter's Guild, Evansville, IN, (812) 424-8701 Work or (812) 963-9389.

JULY Birthdays

Judy Humphrey

Judy Vogt

Julie Harris

Karen Tye

Kay Merz

Linda Henning

Michele Weiland

Ruth Miller

Ruth Nilson

Susan Myrick