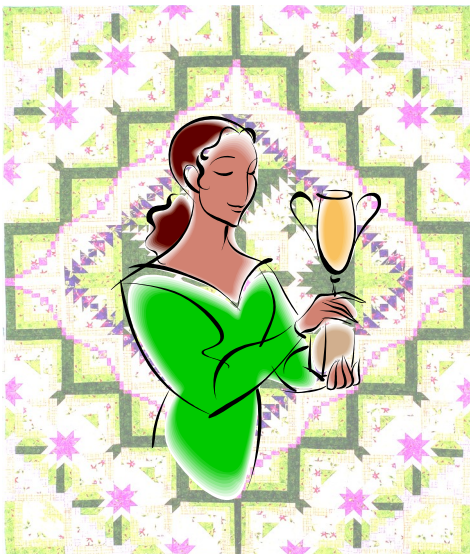


Guild Program for June 22, 2014



Velora Mowry is a native of St. Louis and was an elementary teacher. She also taught sewing for Stretch and Sew as well as trained others to be instructors. She has been an avid quilter since 1968 when she made her first quilt.

In 1995 she studied quilt judging through the National Quilters Association and has been judging quilts ever since. She's judged quilts in seven NQA shows, as well as in Missouri including quilts for Bits 'n' Pieces, Silver Dollar City, Cape Girardeau, and Circle in a Square.



During her presentation, Velora will detail the history of the National Quilting Association which began in 1969, and the training which evolved to ensure that judges were certified.

She will also explain how quilts are divided into categories, observed, and eliminated down to the 5 or 6 remaining quilts and describe the two standard rating systems: the point system and the ESN system.

MEETING MINUTES

24 June 2014

Judy Humphrey, president, called the June 24, 2014 meeting to order at 7PM.

Minutes of the May, 2014, were approved as written.

Susan Myrick presented the Quilter's Minute.

Judy introduced our presenter Halley Bone. Halley, a certified AQS appraiser, spoke about the reasons to have a quilt appraised and the steps taken to complete a certified appraisal.

A short break followed the program.

Judy resumed the meeting at 8:45pm.

Committee reports were given.

Tracy Back reported more brown bags were available for the annual Guild Challenge.

COK chairman Chris Williams announced a COK sew day on July 15 from 9-4 at church. She shared that more than 100 quilts have been delivered. She asked that when finishing COK quilts please reinforce corners and or include any raw edge appliqué. Chris said that either non-reinforced corners or raw edge appliqué provide places that children can mess with and then create a possible problem for them. Chris read thank you notes from West County Care Center, and Epworth Children and Family Services for the wonderful quilts they had received.

Cindy Holten announced that CD's of the 2012 Fanfare of Quilts show are still available and the cost is ten dollars.

Susan Calzone reported on the June retreat and that a good time was had by all. Forms and check lists for retreat are now on the website. January 21-25 retreat sign-ups are currently being taken by Susan.

Sunshine and Shadows, please call Peggy Knight if you know of a member who has good news or a member that may need to receive some uplifting thoughts.

There will not be a Charity Sharity pickup in July.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM and Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted by
Sandy Sagan

Dear Bits friends,

***I can't thank you enough
for all your cards and
heavy duty prayers in the
last 2 months. I'm still in
rehab but getting
stronger every day.***

***I must tell you that your
cards are all taped to my
walls, and everyone says
"Go to Room 127, you
won't believe it!"***

***Love to all and my
prayers for those of you
are dealing with your
own health or family is-
sues.***

Nellie Mueller

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"In the good ole summer time...." But it seems times have changed and Summer just doesn't seem to be as relaxing and carefree as it did before. Perhaps I'm just getting older.

Sometimes it seems that vacations involve a lot of hard work planning, preparing, packing and traveling. And it's not until we are settling back into our routines that we finally can relax! But be that as it may, I never pass up the opportunity to go on vacation.

So when you are on vacation, do you see something that inspires you as a possible quilt design or pattern for your next quilt? If not, take time to really look at your surroundings...that decorative door on that historic mansion, that grill work on a balcony, the intricate mosaic on a church floor. I have found quilt designs everywhere and so can you. And it's fun finding them...try it!

Since many of our members were on vacation, our June meeting was a "mystery" to the members until that night. After the Quilter's Minute, I introduced our own Halley Bone. As many of you know, Halley is a certified AQS appraiser. During her presentation, she shared many interesting details about quilt appraisals and about the care and maintenance of quilts. Thank you, Halley.

In July, our speaker will be Velora Mowry, who will talk to us from a quilt judge's point of view.

Last week I had the pleasure of phoning a person who had won a quilt that I had made for a raffle. She was excited to say the least. What fun that was...almost as fulfilling as finishing a UFO!

I hope to see everyone at the July meeting.

*Judy Humphrey
President*



COMMITTEE REPORTS

AQS: Marian Collins

- No updates at this time.

COK and More: Chris Williams

- I am happy to report that Cindy and I have delivered over 100 quilts since the first of June. We took 23 to St. Louis Childrens' Hospital, 23 to Crisis Center North, 16 to Epworth Home in Webster Groves, 19 quilts were given to the West County Care Center here in Winchester and tonight, Karen Turner will be taking another 22 quilts to Cardinal Glennon Hospital.
- I wish you could hear the people at the organizations rave over the quilts. They love them and all have commented that they are so colorful. They are impressed that we obviously had put time and care in not only making the quilts but also in selecting the fabrics.
- A couple of notes about the quilts that you turn in: Please be sure that the **binding corners are really well tacked down**. If in doubt, take a couple of extra stitches in the corner. Little fingers will find any little hole or opening to "worry" until it has come loose. Also we **cannot take raw/frayed edge quilts**. Again, a child will pick at those raw edges until they come loose, and if in a hospital setting, connectors and such may get tangled in the raw edges. Thank you for your consideration.
- **SUMMER SEW DAY!** We're having a summer weekday Sew Day on Tuesday, July 15, from 9:00 to 4:00, at the Salem Methodist Church. Generally we have been scheduling weekend sew days, but we thought we would try for a weekday this time. If you are interested, or have questions, please call Chris Williams or Cindy Holten. There will be quilt kits available or you can bring your own COK project to work on. All are welcome – beginners to experts.
- Summer, like the holidays, is a very busy time for all of us. There are trips, vacations, visitors, yard projects, BBQs...and all those summer activities seem to overtake us all. In Chris's case from June 25 to July 7, she's had to convert her sewing room back to a bedroom for the arrival of her kids and grandkids. I hope she doesn't come down with a severe case of "quilting withdrawal" during their visit.
- With that said, we would like to remind those of you who have any quilt kits, quilt tops, quilts to quilt or bind, or baggie blocks you have taken home from a meeting or a sew day and have forgotten about them, started but never finished, finished but never returned, to please either take the time to finish them and if that's not possible to please return them at the next meeting regardless of their status of incompleteness. Remember: There is always a child in need of a "quilt hug".
- If you have any questions, please contact Chris Williams or Cindy Holten.

Library: Phyllis Nelson

- The library has been very quiet. It is in the cabinet in the class room where the door is open and the lights are on. The room that perhaps you have been in either looking for or returning chairs.
- We would like to see this valuable resource that Bits is offering to their members used. All you need to do is put your name on the card in the book and give it to us..it is that simple.

Membership: Lisa Marsden

- 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 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.

Mini Group Announcements

- **The Company**, which meets the third Thursday of each month and is an open mini-group. Although The Company has taken a "summer vacation" during the months of June and July, for our August meeting (August 21st) we have planned a trip to the Missouri History Museum for the "250 in 250" program in celebration of the 250 year founding of St. Louis. Lunch will follow at the Boathouse. There is no charge for the program.
- We will meet at the Dillard's lower level parking lot about 9:30 (leaving about 9:45) and carpool or caravan to the History Museum. The tour should take about an hour or so, and then to the Boathouse for lunch.

Programs for 2014 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- **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.
- Informational documents will be posted soon on our guilds website and yahoo groups site and an email notification sent when these updates are completed. You may also contact a coordinator for information.
- The next retreat in January of 2015, is filling fast. Contact Susan to sign up. In the event the retreat is full you may request to be placed on a wait-list.
 - 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

- **Mona Howard** - please continue to keep Mona in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Nellie Mueller**— is now in rehab, but getting stronger each day. Maybe it is that “Great Wall of Cards” in her room from her many friends that is helping her regain her health.

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

Treasurer's Report: Chris Wiley

- Please use the Reimbursement/Income form when submitting requests for repayments or deposits. This is used to document all money requests and helps to clarify transactions.
- The form is on our website in the “Members Only” tab. Remember to SAVE YOUR RECEIPT and attach it to the request form. Requests emailed to the Treasurer should include reason for payment and the total amount requested. Invoice and/or receipts must be scanned and attached to the email for reimbursement. The reimbursement form is not needed for an emailed request. Chris Wiley also has hardcopies of the form at the monthly meeting.
- The Treasurer's Report is posted to the Yahoo Group each month and may be found on our website in the "Members Only" tab.

Workshops by National Speakers: Wendy Richards

- No updates at this time.

Workshops by Members: Nellie Mueller

- No updates at this time.

UFOs: Mary Lou Melkowski

- No updates at this time.



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
am

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

The American Sewing Guild's National Conference will be held in St. Louis on Friday, July 25 through Sunday, July 27 at the Hyatt Regency at 315 Chestnut. There is a vendors hall, admission to which is \$5, good for all three days. For more information on the conference and classes that are still open, go to asg.org.

Charity Sharity will have a booth at the vendors hall and will be making a presentation to attendees. It is our goal to share the concept of Charity Sharity with hopes that those in other communities will collect unwanted fabric and sewing related items to distribute to organizations





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.

July Birthdays

Ann Diehl

Carolyn Pike

Dot Branson

Judy Humphrey

Judy Vogt

Julie Harris

Kay Merz

Linda Henning

Michele McLean

Ruth Miller

Ruth Nilson

Susan Myrick

