



# Fan Mail

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JULY 2016

## Guild Meeting July 19, 2016

**Want to get a head start on holiday gift planning?**

**Then this "Christmas In July" Round Robin, presented by the "Elf Team", is THE perfect place to be!**

**The Elf Team:**

**Darla Gibson, Sue Meyer, Chris Williams,  
Kathy Young and Debra Kramer!**

**This talented, creative, and fun Team of Elves  
has planned a Round Robin of easy gifts for you to make before  
the holidays.**

**There will be samples and instructions that will fill many a gift  
list. So, come see, come learn, and start making  
those gifts.**

- ★ **Something for the Table**
- ★ **Something to Gift**
- ★ **Something for Warming**
- ★ **Something for the Spirits**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's give a nice "Well done!" shout out to Sue Meyer for being the hostess of the June Salad Supper. For those of you who were there, you saw how she used the color "red". Many of us in attendance wore red, the tables had beautiful red accents, the cute hand-made hearts were red, and the prizes were red. But what some of you might not know is Sue created all these accents! The fellowship hall looked very festive and the QUILTO game brought out our competitive sides.

The guild members made sure we were all well fed. The salads and desserts overloaded the tables, and laughter and conversation abounded. We had three guests who were welcomed by guild members. In retrospect the salad supper, with its small tables of members is a great way for a visitor to get acquainted compared to sitting among many members at our large meetings.

Thank you to all the guild members who brought the red, white, and blue 2.5 inch strips. The basket of fabric was overflowing!

How fitting to have the patriotic red as a theme for our salad supper, which occurred a week before our Independence Day. How lucky are we to live in this free country!

A big "THANK YOU!" and blessings to those guild members who have family and friends who are in active military duty at home and abroad or who are veterans, and stepped up when called to action. Our thoughts and prayers are with those of you who have lost family members and friends in conflicts and/or have family members and friends living with the physical and emotional wounds of war.

I would like to close this message with a heartfelt thank you to the men and women in the military. Bless you all.

Best to all,  
Anne Perry, President





## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Block of the Month: Mary Lou Melkowski**

- There will be no Block of the Month in June because of Salad Supper. We'll catch up in July. Don't forget to bring in your finished blocks and then pick up two new block patterns.

### **COK and More: Louise Morris**

- At our June 25th sew day our 8 attendees actually got to sew! It was great to hear the hum of machines once again after 2 sew days in a row spent sorting and measuring fabric. Three quilts were turned in on the 25th, and I took home another 24 quilts from our last meeting. Not only are they getting pieced, but they are getting quilted and finished! Think about all of the children, adolescents and teens that are benefiting from your time and talent! I am so proud of this guild! I have not yet scheduled sew days for July and August but will let you know as soon as I do.
- Just when I thought there could not possibly be another donation given to our guild, Janie and Jenny from Janie Lou called with a very generous one. We were given a large number of fat quarters and flat folds from the Parson Gray collection. He's the husband of designer Amy Butler. The collection is beautiful but a bit more masculine and they decided, very appropriately, to give it to Honor Flight. I can't wait to see the beautiful quilts made from these fabrics!
- We are officially announcing this year's Cover our Kids Challenge with a few tweaks of the rules to let your imaginations soar! The quilt needs to have at least one representation of the guild's logo, which can be done in solids, batiks, prints or whatever you like, in cool color tones. There can be more, as well--play with the concept. Recommended sizes are 36x36, 40x60 or 50x70. They will be due at the November meeting and of course we will be awarding prizes. The one thing to keep in mind is that they are going to kids, so keep them colorful. You can use any pattern of your choosing or make up your own. Explore, if you like, with some new techniques. I have a foot for my machine that lets you sew circles without pinning or clipping that I am going to try. The most important rule, though is to have fun! See you in July.

### **Guild Challenge: Cindy Holten & Carol Lovelace**

- There will be a 2017 Guild Challenge. So watch for the more details later this year.

### **Library: Kay Merz**

- Your Guild Library is a wonderful resource of quilting books, DVD's and fictional quilt related novels. There are also a number of DVD's available on free motion quilting. Whatever your quilting interest, learning appliqué techniques, paper piecing, log

cabin or just enjoying a good novel, 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.

### **Membership: Bernadette Delannay/Candy Grisham/Judy Humphrey**

- No updates due to the Salad Supper.
- **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!
- 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 2016 Guild Meetings: Chris Williams**

- What great fun the Salad Supper was! Thanks to Sue Meyer for all of her hard work. She made the evening special – and we all love our little hearts she gave us!
- The programs for the remainder of 2016 have fallen into place – lots of fun is coming:
  - **JUL 19**  
Quilter's Minute: Rita Nyhoff  
Program: Christmas in July – Round Robin of Christmas Gifts to Make
  - **AUG 23**  
Program: Susan Marth-Trunk Show
  - **SEP 27**  
Program: National Speaker: Cindy Lohbeck, of Hands On Hand Dyes, will present "Diary of a Dye Hard"
  - **OCT 25**  
Program: Kevin the Quilter - promises to be a fun night and includes a few Quilt of Valor presentations.
  - **NOV 25**  
Program: Cover Our Kids & More Annual Program
  - **DEC -- TBA**  
Program: Bits Holiday Party

## COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

### Retreats

- **Todd hall, Columbia, IL: Susan Calzone**
  - Two multi day/night retreats are held annually for our members. One in January and one in June. Members work at their own pace on projects of their choice, easy to difficult, in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Retreaters share tips and tricks, oohs and aahs, and plenty of snacks, including lots of chocolate.
  - After working as the retreat coordinator for several retreats, I feel some changes are in order. I have reviewed these changes with our executive committee and have their approval.
  - Instead of retreaters arriving and departing on their choice of days/nights there will be a minimum retreat package of a specified 4 day/3 night period. An add-on day/night is available for members who want a five day retreat. This standardization will simplify booking and billing and optimize our ability to qualify for Toddhall meals and conference room discounts. This change reflects what most other retreats offer; a set timeframe and cost for a retreat. There will still be some options, i.e., the purchase of Toddhall meals, the add-on day, and a double or single occupancy bedroom.
  - The price varies from retreat to retreat depending on attendance and Toddhall increases, but below are good approximations.
    - double occupancy no meals \$148
    - single occupancy no meals \$214
    - double occupancy with meals\* \$238
    - single occupancy with meals\* \$304
    - add-on day; double occupancy add \$48, single occupancy add \$70
    - \*Meals are only available if there are at least ten retreaters purchasing them.
  - The next retreat is January 18-21, 2017, add-on day/night; January 17.
  - Space is limited so clear your calendar and sign up early as we have been filling to capacity. If you are unsure, or the retreat is full, I can put you on a wait list and contact you closer to the retreat or in the event of a cancellation.
  - For detailed information on cancellations and refunds see the “**Toddhall Retreat Information and Guidelines**” document on our website. In a nutshell, if more than six weeks prior to the first day of retreat, payments are fully refundable. If six weeks or less than the first day of retreat, payments are non-refundable or only partially refundable.

- **For specifics see the “Toddhall Retreat Information and Guidelines”** document.
- Detailed information about the location, bedrooms, sewing area, meals, cancellations and refund policy can be found on our website under Special Events, Retreats on the document “Toddhall Retreat Information and Guidelines”. There is also a ‘Retreat Packing Checklist’ document to assist in preparing for retreat.
- Our retreat is a special vacation opportunity to do what we love in a group setting and I hope you will consider taking a few days off work or out of your busy schedule to get away and join in the fun by signing up for one of our retreats. If the BNP retreats don’t work for you I hope you will try another retreat or just get some friends together and plan one yourself.

### **Sunshine & Shadow: Linda Waugh**

- Hallye Bone’s husband, Merle Bone, passed away.
- Mary Lou Melkowski had knee replacement surgery.
- Bernice Dodge’s oldest sister died.
- Elise Reinick’s mother died of cancer.
- I know all of these members will appreciate a card or email of support.
- Please contact me with any information for Sunshine and Shadow: Linda Waugh at lkampwaugh@charter.net or 314-909-8559.

### **Treasurer’s Report: Jean Weber**

- For auditing reasons, it is imperative that these procedures are followed when submitting income/ expenses:
  1. Original receipts must be submitted – **no photocopies**.
  2. Receipts for re-imbursement 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 reimbursement for more than one committee, submit these on **separate** forms.
- Please contact me with questions. Thank you so much for your cooperation. It is greatly appreciated.

### **Workshops by National Speakers: Wendy Richards/ Candy Grisham**

- **SEP 27-29, 2016** Cindy Lohbeck of Hands On Hand Dyes will lecture at our Sept 27 meeting and conduct a 2-day workshop on Sept 28 & 29.
- If you are interested in taking any of the dye workshops in September, now is the time to sign

up! Please let Wendy know no later than July 15. The workshop flyer is posted on the website and in the June newsletter. Any questions, please contact Wendy .

- **MAY 24-25, 2017** Becky Goldsmith will lecture at our May 2016 meeting and conduct a 2-day workshop on May 24 & 25.

**UFOs: Peggy Anderson**

- No updates at this time.

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**HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS**

Some members are under the impression that we are finished with the giving of the Honor Flight Quilts, but that could be my fault. As long as I have quilts, I will take them to the Honor Flight.

Right now I only have about 5 quilts and each flight has 22 veterans. Also the director of the St Louis Honor Flight only wants the quilts to be given in the cool months. So I 'll be collecting quilts for September, October, and November...that's 66 quilts.

# THE QUILTED FOX

## *The Fox Explores The Emerald Isle New Block of the Month starts in August*

This unique Quilted Fox design will include all the colors of Ireland—the green of the fields and the blue of the sea and sky. There will also be some of the gorgeous colors from the heather.

Registration is now open. Call 314-993-1181 for more information and to register.



## *The Quilted Fox is a 2016 Row by Row Shop*

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**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](http://www.quiltedfox.com)

日本語

**The National Quilt Museum – Paducah, KY – Presents the 12th Quilt Japan Exhibit Through August 9th, 2016.**

The exhibit 12th Quilt Japan features quilts from the Japan Handicraft Instructors' Association (JHIA) contest. The contest takes place every two years and is the largest quilt contest in Japan. Well over 300 people submit artifacts for the contest every year.

The quilts in this exhibit represent the very best of this year's contest entrants. Museum visitors will see 32 quilts made by some of the most talented and respected artists from Japan and the Pacific Rim.

**Jann Nelson, a member of the Green Country Quilters Guild in Tulsa OK, announced that her guild is sponsoring a Ricky Tims Seminar - September 15-16, 2017.**

**Please contact Jann at [mjnelson2@cox.net](mailto:mjnelson2@cox.net) for more information.**