

Fan Mail

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AUGUST 2016

Guild Meeting August 23, 2016

A bit about me... My mom taught me to sew, first by hand with her scraps while she sewed, then sewing clothes for 4-H projects on her sewing machine.

Fast forward a couple decades...after leaving a career in architectural interior design to become a stay-at-home-mom, my passion to design and work with color was fulfilled with fabric in the form of quilting. At the request of fellow quilters, in 2003, I began putting my original quilt creations into pattern form and started my business, **Suzn Quilts** patterns. Many of my patterns and books are seasonal in theme and some of my best-sellers continue to be my own method of quilt-as-you-sew lap quilts.

In 2012, I ventured into fabric design and now my patterns, books, templates & fabrics are being sold internationally through quilt shops,

catalogs and leading distributors. In addition, my quilt designs can also be found in leading quilting magazines.



Susan Marth



*Having fun in your sewing room...*Do you love to quilt but can't find the time? Susan can help you budget your time to include the passion you love...quilting! She discusses choosing the right projects, setting up your sewing room or area, storage, plus other household tasks such as cooking and

minutes each day will and your family will Susan will provide a

Susan will provide a truck show of some of her time-saving results.

For information about my books and patterns, or my teaching availability, please visit www.SuznQuilts.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

hanks to our talented volunteer members who coordinated the "Christmas in July" program. I was so pleased with the turnout and very impressed with the many great Christmas prizes. It was a pleasant way to spend an enjoyable program and share in fun and fellowship on a hot and stormy July night.

Louise Morris, coordinator of Cover our Kids (COK), reminded us of the COK challenge and displayed her COK challenge quilt top. Details about the COK challenge are in this issue of the newsletter so be sure to not only check them out but consider participating in the challenge. For those of you who missed the July program, there were some great Show & Tell quilts, many of which were given to COK. We have such a prolific and creative group of quilters.

We have a beautiful raffle quilt in the works so we need a show to go with it. But we can't have a quilt show without a Chair. Although many of the guild's important positions and details are taken care of for 2016, this one major position is still vacant. So I'm reaching out to the membership for someone to consider chairing the 2018 quilt show. We'll discuss this more in September, but I wanted everyone to think about it. For now…let's get through the summer!

As we get passed July, many of us have increased family commitments: Children to get ready for school, and college kids to return to their colleges (and take their stuff with them!). Also it seems that the holidays are right around the corner and we are thinking about what to make as gifts.

Occasionally some of the guild members will ask if they could bring in food for the church's food collection other than just at our holiday party. And the answer is a resounding, "Yes!" At any meeting, you can bring in can goods and all types non-perishable food items and put them in the grocery cart near the ladies room.

Have a safe and happy August with your friends and families.

And...Go Cards!



MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2016

President Anne Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She thanked the committee members for adjusting their presentations due to the change in meeting date this month. Anne read a thank you from Hallye Bone and the Library Foundation.

Sue Meyer, salad supper chairperson, thanked members for all the help she received last month. She also thanked the membership for all of the red, white, and blue fabric strips. These will be used for Honor Flight quilts.

Anne read a thank you from Children's Hospital for a donation of quilts.

Wendy Richards announced that the minimum had been met for the dyeing classes, but there are still a few spots available.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 24, 2016. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

Debbie Ernst, block of the month chairperson, asked that anyone with a block hold it up. There are two patterns this month as there was no pattern in June.

Anne Perry announced that Terry Jacobi's husband was injured in a fall and is in rehab.

Bernice Dodge thanked everyone for the cards and letters following the loss of her sister.

Rita Nyhoff presented the Quilter's Minute.

Chris Williams announced the evening's program "Christmas in July". Members rotated between four stations for presentations on beautiful

Christmas gift ideas.

Cover Our Kids chairperson, Louise Morris, presented the rules for the COK challenge. Rules will be on the website and in the newsletter. Quilts are due at the November 25, 2016, meeting. A hard copy of rules is available at the COK table.

Membership chairperson, Candy Grisham, announced that four new members and four guests were in attendance. She asked everyone to sing "Happy Birthday" to Judy Humphrey for her 75th birthday. Attendance prizes were awarded.

After the break, the meeting resumed.

Trisha Hill, holiday block exchange chairperson, displayed the fabric for this year's blocks. Beginning in August, members can purchase a fat 1/8 for \$1.00. Deadline for all blocks is the November 25, 2016 meeting. A drawing will be held at the Christmas party December 13, 2016. Chances to win the drawing will be awarded for each block turned in.

Anne Perry announced that we need a coordinator for the Christmas party.

Chris Williams, 2018 Raffle Quilt chairperson, announced that the committee has been busy meeting, cutting and sewing.

Anne Perry announced that we need a 2018 Quilt Show Chair and Co-Chair and will also need a nominating committee in September.

Many members participated in show and tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

August Birthdays

Barbara Philbrick
Darla Gibson
Debra Kramer
Edie Cornell-Smith
Linda Bergh
Marilyn Fallert
Marsha Bray
Nancy Zuniga
Penny Edinger
Shirley Donovan
Suzanne Mullaney
Terry Jacobi



Trisha Hill

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Block of the Month: Mary Lou Melkowski

No update at this time.

COK and More: Louise Morris

- Our COK 2016 Logo Quilt Challenge was officially launched at the July meeting. I spent the weekend working on a prototype to give you some ideas of how it could look. As soon as it is quilted and bound I will send a picture to Marsha to put up on the web, along with the rules and a photo of our logo, but in the meantime, here are the Challenge rules so you can get started:
 - The recommended sizes for the finished quilt are 36x36, 40x60 or 50 x70. You may make it larger if you like.
 - The quilt should contain at least one representation of our logo somewhere in the quilt. (A one quarter Dresden Plate). It can be kept round or squared off on the tops or anything that closely resembles the logo. For example, instead of a convex top it could be concave, or diamond shaped.
 - *The logo(s) should be kept in the cool color family, but other colors can be added as you like
 - *The quilt should appeal to a child or teen, if made larger.
 - This challenge should be a fun, creative endeavor! If you have any questions, please call me, 314-791-1208.
- This month we received 5 completed quilts from kits, 25 donated quilts, and 6 quilt tops from a kit or donation, as well as 127 baggie blocks! Lots of fabric yardage, 31 fat quarters from Jackman's and 15 patterns were also donated! There are bags of fabric left at the table every month, often times with no name, so please be sure to put your name in the bag so you can get credit for your donation.
- Judy Humphrey also received the large donation from Janie Lou for Honor Flight, so if you are making a quilt for her and need a back or some beautiful fabrics for a top let her know.
- Our Baggie block co-coordinators would like to receive their blocks back the following month so they can get started sewing them into quilt tops so please try and turn them in in a timely manner.
- Lastly, I have not scheduled any sew days for July or August. If there is a date available, I may try to schedule one in August and I will let you know about it via the Yahoo group.

Guild Challenge: Cindy Holten & Carol Lovelace

 There will be a 2017 Guild Challenge. Details to follow.

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.

<u>Membership: Bernadette Delannay/Candy Grisham/</u> <u>Judy Humphrey</u>

- This meeting we welcomed 4 new members and 4 guests.
- The 4 wonderful items for our attendance prizes were from Lorrie Oltman's big donation and from Chris Williams with her donation of a beautiful set of napkins.
- The winners were Mona Howard, Judy Vogt, Kay Strebeck and Barbara Wietecter.
- 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 2016 Guild Meetings: Chris Williams

- What fun the Christmas in July program itwas! My thanks to Darla Gibson, Sue Meyer (great holiday display), Kathy Young and Debra Kramer for the fun gift projects they made and taught. Great work ladies!
- The programs for the remainder of 2016 have fallen into place lots of fun is coming:
 - AUG 23 Susan Marth-Trunk Show
 - <u>SEP 27</u> National Speaker: Cindy Lohbeck, of Hands On Hand Dyes, will present "Diary of a Dye Hard"
 - OCT 25 Kevin the Quilter promises to be a fun night and includes a few Quilt of Valor presentations.
 - NOV 25 Cover Our Kids & More Annual Program
 - **DEC - TBA -** Bits Holiday Party

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

- The 2017 programs are coming together as well. It promises to be an exciting year for Bits members.
 More details later . . .
- Thanks to all who help setup and take down each month. It really helps to have those volunteers put the meeting together.

Retreats

- Todd hall, Columbia, IL: Susan Calzone
 - Two 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 in a fun
 and relaxed atmosphere. Retreaters share tips and
 tricks, oohs and aahs, and plenty of snacks, including lots of chocolate.
 - The next retreat is Wednesday Sat, Jan 18-21, 2017, add-on day/night; January 17.
 - The prices vary depending on attendance but are very close to those listed below:
 - Wed Sat, double occupancy, *with meals -\$238
 - Wed Sat, single occupancy, *with meals -\$304
 - Wed Sat, double occupancy, no meal \$148
 - Wed Sat, single occupancy, no meals \$214
 - Tuesday arrival, double, no meals + \$48
 - Tuesday arrival, single, no meals + \$70
 - *Meals are only available if there are at least ten retreaters purchasing them.
- 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. To sign-up you can email me or find me at our guild meetings at the RETREAT table.
- Detailed information about the location, bedrooms, sewing area, meals, cancellations and refunds can be found on our website under <u>Special Events</u>, <u>Retreats</u> on the document "Toddhall Retreat Information and Guidelines". There is also a "Retreat Packing Checklist" which can be useful 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 attend 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

Terry Jacobi's husband broke part of his hip and pelvis. He is receiving therapy and is doing well. Terry is one of our long-time guild members and I know would appreciate your words of support.

 Please contact me with any information for Sunshine and Shadow: Linda Waugh at Ikampwaugh@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:
 - Original receipts must be submitted <u>no photo-</u> copies.
 - Receipts for re-imbursement must consist of <u>ONLY</u> items purchased for the guild. Do <u>NOT</u> 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

- <u>SEP 27-29, 2016</u> Cindy Lohbeck of Hands On Hand Dyes will lecture at our Sept 27 meeting and conduct a 2-day workshop on Sept 28 & 29.
- Dye Workshops for September still have a few openings. If interested, contact Wendy at whoob@aol.com or Candy at candy-ce54@gmail.com.
- Non-guild members welcome to sign up as well.
- Last day to sign up will be September 10 so kits can be ordered.
- 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.





QUILT EVENTS

<u>August 25-27, 2016</u> - The Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival at "The Ranch", 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland CO, For more details contact: www.rmqf.net

September 10, 2016 - Show Me Long Arm Guild is proud to sponsor Dusty Farrell at Landmark Family Restaurant, 190 South Lincoln Drive, Troy, MO 63379. To reserve your spot, phone Ann McNew at 314-808-2891.



The Fox Explores The Emerald Isle New Block of the Month starts in September

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

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

