

Guild Program for August 26, 2014

It will be a fun, fascinating, and informative Round Robin Program!

Five our talented Bits members will present and demo several new and creative techniques that can enhance your quilting skills.

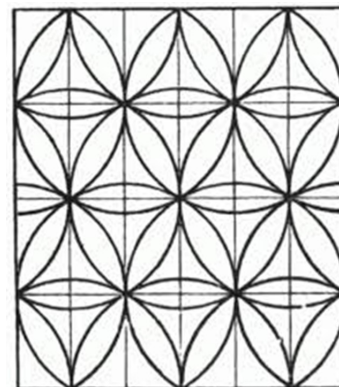
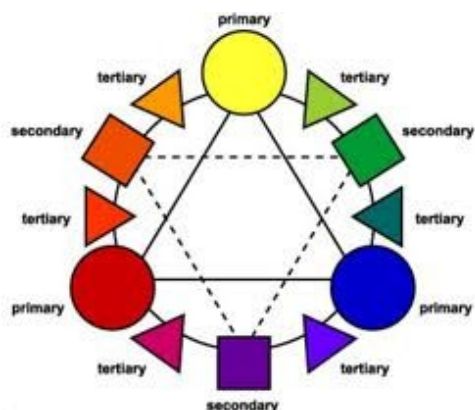
Sandy Sagan — Color Grid Technique

Anne Perry — Hand Quilting

Jean Goldsberry — Tessalations

Karen Turner — Zentangles

Kay Erb — Fiber Beads



MEETING MINUTES

22 July 2014

Our president Judy Humphrey called the July 22, 2014, meeting to order at 7PM.

Quilter's Minute was presented by Barb Warner.

Velora Mowry, a certified NQA judge, presented "What Judges Look for in a Quilt." She shared detailed information on the judging process.

A short break was taken and the meeting resumed at 8:20 PM.

Judy thanked the members who set up the chairs for the meeting before she had even arrived.

Guild Challenge: Tracy Back and Marsha Bray reminded members to keep working on their challenge quilts.

COK: Chris Williams reported that our Sew Day was a wonderful success. The next Sew Day will be the Sew Day Soiree. Come to the party! Have fun and enjoy quilting for COK. There will be chocolate to encourage you as you sew.

Membership: 68 members and 2 guests were present. Paper copies of the phone list are available for members that do not use computers. Door prizes were provided by Darla Gibson, In Stitches and Velora Mowry.

Retreat: Susan Calzone announced that the January retreat is full. A wait list is available. Two forms for retreat have been posted on our website.

Raffle Quilt: Darla Gibson announced that the Raffle Quilt pattern has been selected and first cuts have been made. Monthly updates will be given at each meeting.

There was no new business.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Show and Tell followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Sandy Sagan

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There will be no President's Message for this issue.

Judy Humphrey,
President

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.

October 11-12: Loose Threads Quilt Guild of St. Peters, MO, "Celebrate with Quilts 2014" quilt show at St. Charles Community College (Follow Mid-Rivers Dr, turn onto Cottleville Pkwy at the college, use the SW or W Entrance.) You can find us on Facebook.

October 17-18: Calhoun County Quilt & Church Tour. Locations include Villages of Brussels, Hamburg, Hardin, and Kampsville. For info and Tickets: 618.232.1268, 618.883.2578.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

AQS: Marian Collins

- No updates at this time.

Christmas Box Exchange: Mona Howard

- Fabric squares for the Christmas block exchange will go on sale at our August Guild Meeting.
- For just one dollar, you can create a mini masterpiece block from a small square of fabric.
- Let's help Mona have a 100% "sell out" in August or September and have all those small creations returned by November.

COK and More: Chris Williams

- We received 9 quilts at the July meeting. 5 were donations and 4 were completed from COK kits. Also 9 were taken for quilting and 7 kits were signed out. "Thank you!" for all you do; your help is greatly appreciated.
- We had a great Daytime Sew Day on Tuesday, July 15, at the Salem Church and 13 enthusiastic and productive quilters came to share in the fun! Our daytime Sew Day turned out so well, we are having another!
- **BEGINNERS, NEW MEMBERS, and ALL LEVELS OF QUILTERS** are welcome at EVERY Sew Day. And if you would prefer not to tote all your supplies and sewing machine to a Sew Day, we will make sure you have plenty to do to keep busy and help with COK needs.
- **DAYTIME SEW DAY—SEP 16** at the Salem United Methodist Church, 9 am-4 pm. The usual supplies (irons, cutting boards, rulers, design wall) will be supplied as well as a CHOCOLATE treat. However, COK kits will not be supplied unless you specifically request one. Please bring your own COK sewing projects (like those challenge quilts or UFOs or even Christmas gifts...it's never too early).
- You may have noticed the colored ribbons on each COK kit bag. It is a color coding tool to help members choose which task they would like to do: Piece, Quilt, Bind, etc.
 - **GREEN** - A complete kit ready to piece (includes backing, batting and binding).
 - **RED** - A partial kit. This may include some blocks that need to be pieced and may not include batting and backing.
 - **YELLOW** - A kit in process - kit needs additional pieces cut and added to kit.
 - **BLUE** - Ready to quilt.
 - **ORANGE** - Needs binding and washing and label.
 - **PURPLE** - Ready to be quilted small quilt for domestic machine. This color was recently added. These small quilts offer a great opportunity to practice machine quilting and improve your skills.
- Please know that if you cannot or do not wish to finish a quilt for any reason, please return it to me. For instance, if don't want to bind the quilt that you pieced, just return it and we will find someone who enjoys binding quilts. You do NOT have to complete a quilt kit...just do what you can and return it.
- Thank you all for your generosity. You not only contribute this great guild program, but also warm and comfort someone in need of a "quilt hug".

Library: Phyllis Nelson

- The "Library" is in the cabinet in the class room where the door is open and the lights are on. The room that perhaps you have either been in 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 me—it's that simple!

Membership: Lisa Marsden

- We would like to give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Pam Bryan of In-Stitches, Darla Gibson, and Velora Mowry for donating our attendance prizes!
- Our attendance prizes were won by Kay Merz, Judy Vogt, and Jean Goldsberry. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy them!
- We had 67 people in attendance at the June meeting.
- To date we have 162 members.
- We would like to welcome our new members: Michelle Funk, Karen Memhardt, and Rita Nyhoff.

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 schedules for each of the mini groups can be found on our website. Please contact the Mini Group's Coordinator for schedules, meeting times and locations, and for any questions.
- **The Company—AUG 21**—We invite everyone who is interested to join us for a trip to the Missouri History Museum for the "250 in 250" program in celebration of the 250 years founding of St. Louis. 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 Boat House for lunch.

Programs for 2014 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- **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



COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

Raffle Quilt 2016: Crazy Quilters

- The great Mini Group, Crazy Quilters, has picked up the Torch of the Raffle Quilt 2016. And since we have been asked many questions about our "Torch Run", we have decided to have a column in the newsletter dedicated to our progress.
- The NEW column is entitled, "Raffle Riddle". And it will appear somewhere, some times in each issue, maybe. So keep an eye out and let us know if you can solve the riddle.

Retreats at Toddhall: Susan Calzone

- Our guild's retreats provide a wonderful opportunity for our members to work on their own projects while getting to know and learn from one another in a fun atmosphere.
- For your information Toddhall Retreat Rules and Guidelines and Retreat Packing Checklist documents are posted on our guilds website (bitsnpiecesguild.com at 'Special Events' then 'Retreats') and on our yahoo groups site (bitsquilts@yahoogroups.com at 'Files' then 'Retreat Information').
- The January 2015 retreat is currently booked at full capacity. Contact Susan if you would like to be placed on a wait-list. In the event of a cancellation wait-listed members will be contacted in order of sign-up.
- Dates for 2015-16 Retreats
 - January 21st -25th, 2015
 - June 3rd -7th, 2015
 - January 20th -24th, 2016
 - June 8th -12th, 2016
- If you have questions feel free to email Anne or me.
Susan Calzone sesnowzone@charter.net and
Anne Perry anne_perry@sbcglobal.net

Sunshine and Shadow: Peggy Knight

- **Nancy Peters** - Her father-in-law, from Springfield, passed away in early July.
- **Debra Kramer** - Her mother, Helen McNamara, passed away in July and the Mass was held at the St. Joseph Church in Manchester, MO.
 - Please show these members your support through your thoughts, prayers and cards.
- **Mona Howard** - is not only back and looking great, but also is going to be the Christmas Block Exchange Chair again this year!
- **Nellie Mueller**— is now home! With the help of a walker, a cane, and a riding electric cart complete with beeping backups (in the grocery store aisle) she is well on her way to healthy. We hope to see her at a guild meeting soon.

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 reimburse-

ment. 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

- It has been a slow summer for finishing ufos. Where are those really old UFOs we were going to finish this year? Here is a new challenge for you. Pick just one UFO to finish. Sometimes looking at that list of UFOs can be overwhelming, but just one is doable. Pick an easy one, something small, something that just needs a binding or something portable that you can take with you and work on when ever you have just a few minutes or are waiting for something. It would be great if everyone could finish one UFO.



RAFFLE RIDDLE

Many a question our members have asked
About the Raffle Quilt Group's latest Task.
So Darla stood stately and stated with glee,
"Working so hard on it, very are we."
But wanting much more than a statement like this,
To the members, she added
with aplomb and with bliss:
"The riddle...uh Raffle's progress is read
within a column in parts instead."

Progress Part I

*A pattern was chosen of old and of new,
But what of the fabric did they pursue?
They wanted a fabric with dazzle and "pop",
So they hunted and hunted and long did they
shop.*

*A glimpse of that fabric here you will see
In hopes that you'll love it as much as do we.*

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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 is now open.

Call 314-993-1181 to register.

Sign ups will be taken
until all spaces are filled.

10th Annual Fox's Fat Quarter Flash

Saturday, August 9

10 am – 4:30 pm

Sunday, August 10

Noon – 4:00 pm

It's the annual fat quarter flash days!

Come in and receive a fat quarter and one chance to win a 20% discount for a whole year! For each \$10 you spend in merchandise, receive an additional chance to win the 20% discount for a year!

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

August Birthdays



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

Happy
Birthday