



# Fan Mail

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## Guild Program for September 22, 2015

### The 2015 Guild Challenge: **What's Your Number?**

Give a Number, Get a Page

That numbered page from a popular magazine,  
then became the inspiration for a quilt.

The Challenge Quilts will be on display for the members to vote for the First, Second, and Third Place winners. And all winners will be announced that evening.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 22 to celebrate all the inspiration, creativity, and labor of love in each challenge quilt.

All these creative entries will also be displayed at the  
2016 Fanfare of Quilts.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

The recent Barn Quilts program was a great success. Our National Speaker, Suzi Parron, was personable and very entertaining. Not only did she share the stories of each barn quilt, but she also shared her story about how she got interested in this quilt art form. And she enlightened us about the history of the barn quilt movement. I did not know that Barn Quilts were present in all the states, except Nevada and Rhode Island. And from what I heard, the workshop the next day was also a success.

Wendy and Candy put together a list of National speakers for 2016 and 2017. These will be great opportunities for quilt members to expand their skills.

Information about these and other quilt related topics and events will also be posted on the Yahoo group. Darla Gibson volunteers her time to manage this group. She recently sent out a request for volunteers to display the raffle quilt and sell tickets at Faust Park. She found an online method for volunteers to sign up for these events.

The site is called Sign up Genius, super easy to use, and was a successful way we quickly got the most volunteers for this event. So I'm sure this

site will be used again. Thank you, Darla!

Also as you read the newsletters, please think about how fortunate we are to have an editor, Cindy Holten, who volunteers her time so we have a visual and appealing monthly newsletter. Thank you, Cindy!

And take time to look at our Website. Marsha Bray volunteers her time to keep this up to date and visually appealing. Last month I was contacted by quilters who used our website and newsletter to learn about our upcoming events. As a result, we had quilters from Farmington who attended the Barn Quilt lecture and were able to enroll in the workshop. In addition, a quilter from Australia, who was visiting the area and some of us had an opportunity to meet her, also attended the lecture and shared some of her work. Thank you Marsha!

The yahoo group, newsletter, and Website are three effective methods to keep the quilt members informed of opportunities, news, and happenings. Please use these resources regularly.

It's that time of year when you want to think about how best to volunteer your time and resources to the guild. Laura and Lisa have co-chaired the membership activities for 4 years and they will be rotating off this

committee. Thank you both for a great job!

We need guild members to volunteer to chair/co-chair the following committees in 2016:

Serving on the **Membership committee** is a great way to meet your fellow guild members, and by sharing it with a friend, also provides back up for vacations and other commitments.

We need a chair and co-chair for **Cover Our Kids**, which is a key charity committee for the guild.

Finally, we need someone to lead the **Program committee**.

Please contact me if you are interested in chairing any of these committees.

Well, that's it for now. We just had a week of wonderful fall-like weather in August but hope we don't pay for it during an Indian summer!

Anne Perry  
President



## MEETING MINUTES

**25 AUGUST 2015**

President Anne Perry called the meeting to order at 7PM.

The minutes of the July meeting were corrected to read: The payment of your reservation fee for the January retreat is due at the October meeting.

Treasurer's report was accepted by the members.

Wendy Richards introduced our national speaker, Suzi, who presented an informative talk on the beginning of and the growth of the Quilt Trail.

Following Suzi's talk, Wendy spoke about the Quilt Raffle. Please turn in your tickets and sell more. Darla Gibson announced that \$2,000 has been raised through the raffle ticket sales to date. On Sept 19 and 20 Faust Park will be the next event for ticket sales. Use the new computer sign-up system.

Debbie Ernst announced that some members have turned in their Challenge Quilts at this meeting. Remember the deadline for entry is 5 PM of the September meeting.

Membership Committee said Eighty eight members and guests were present for the meeting. The Christmas quilt block will be chaired by Laura Koury and Lisa Marsden. Fabric is called "Winter".

A long break was taken for members to meet with Suzi.

Candy and Judy announced some of the national speakers that will be here in 2016 and 2017. Becky Goldsmith has been contracted to be one of our national speakers in 2017.

Nancy Peters, Quilt Chairwoman, discussed the instructions for the show entry form. Entry forms are due no later than the January 2016 meeting. The Honor Flight will be the recipient of Charity raffle proceeds.

Chris Williams will be passing on the Chairmanship of Cover Our Kids at the end of the year. This is such an important undertaking for our guild because it serves so many children and elderly. Search your heart...is there room for one more good deed?

Marsha Bray reminded us that material for the newsletter should be submitted to Cindy Holten, Yahoo group announcements are submitted to Darla Gibson, and any information that needs to be on the website should be submitted to Marsha.

Anne introduced Carol Wood, guest from Australia, she shared her Amish Star placemats, pot holders, and mug rugs. She is generously sharing her pattern with our guild. Her pattern and directions will be posted on our website in the "Members Only" tab.

Many members participated in Show and Tell.

Anne adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Sagan, Secretary

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS December 8



Fall is in the air and before we know it, snow flurries will be in the air as well. And, then it will be time for our ***Holiday Party!***

Details regarding the party will appear in newsletters closer to the event but for now **mark your calendars** so that you don't miss out on a fun evening of goodies, games, entertainment, and prizes.

Debbie may even come up with another one of her stories or who knows, maybe even a poem.

This is a great event you don't want to miss and a wonderful chance to kick off the holidays with your quilting friends.



Jingle Jingle,  
Jan Oehrle & Debbie Miles

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **COK and More: Chris Williams**

- To repeat my August report and my announcement at the August meeting, I will be ending my term as Chair of Cover Our Kids at the end of this year. It is time for someone to take over this service project for the guild. If you are interested or would just like to talk about what is involved, please give me a call and I will be happy to talk to you and answer your questions. Something to consider might be sharing this job with another member as Co-Chairs of COK. Two people sharing the job would make it so much more manageable.
- Although this is a big job, it is also a great privilege to be such a very important part of our guild's service to our community. I hope you will seriously consider this opportunity.
- Also, so that the first part of the year is not so taxing for the new Chair, I will plan to take care of setting up the COK booth at the 2016 Bits quilt show, should this be your desire. Although you will need to man the booth, which will be an easy volunteer job, I will provide all the quilts for display and a slide show of the past two years.
- Our members were busy during August and turned in 29 quilts - 13 completed COK kits (which included 6 donated quilt tops in various stages of completion that were assigned kit numbers) and 16 donation quilts! To date, we have received 122 quilts. My closet is filling up and I will be making distributions shortly. I know that you are all busy finishing off your challenge quilts and your quilts for the 2016 quilt show, but I am hoping you will find time to add a COK quilt to your schedule.
- A good portion of our sew day/work day in July was given to sorting through all the fabric/blocks/quilts in process that we were gifted by Peggy Knight's family. I don't think any of us had any idea how prolific a quilter Peggy was. Over the next few months, you may find a kit with the usual number and name and a notation ("Peggy") on the label. These are projects yielded from the Peggy Knight donations. I am trying to track some of these projects to keep Peggy's family apprised of the quilts donated in Peggy's name.
- At this point, I have not scheduled a Sew Day for September, but I will contact the Church to see if Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> is available and will send out a notice shortly if that date will work.
- Thank you again for your generosity to COK.

### **2015 Guild Challenge: Roxanne Jasper and Debbie Ernst**

- See Front Page.

### **Holiday Block Exchange:**

- The fabric for the Holiday Block Exchange went on sale at the meeting!
- You may add other fabrics and embellishments to make your block.
- The unfinished block you turn in should be 12 ½ x 12½.
- ALL blocks must be turned in by the November meeting. For every block you turn in, you will receive one chance to win a SET of blocks at the December meeting.
- For each block you turn in at the September or October meetings, you will receive TWO chances for the drawing.
- Be creative! Paper-piecing, Appliqué, and Embellishments are welcome!
- We sold 47 blocks at this first meeting.

### **Library: Kay Merz**

- As summer's end draws near and fall is just around the corner, what a great time to get back to our sewing projects. As you think about that new quilting project or maybe an unfinished project requiring a new twist, keep in mind that your Guild Library is a great quilting resource. Please check out the books and DVD's available under the "Member's Only" section of the Guild website under "Library". 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: Lisa Marsden and Laura Khoury**

- We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to Jackman's for donating our attendance prizes!!
- Our attendance prizes were won by Rita Nyhoff and Debbie Ernst. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy them!
- We had 88 people in attendance at the August meeting.
- To date we have 169 members.
- 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!
- We have the current Membership List printed for those of you that are unable to view it on the website. Come back and see us if you need one.





### 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

### Mini Groups

#### The Company: Fran Collins.

- On July 30, our mini group visited Suzanne Marshall at her lovely home where she did a personal Bed Turning of some of her awesome quilts. She gave us a quick lesson in hand quilting followed by a workshop on her unique “take-away appliqué” technique that we all tried on the small project we’d each prepared.



- The group’s photo with the famous Suzanne Marshall in part of her sewing studio.

### Programs for 2015 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- **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

- I hope you enjoyed the tutorial on the entry form instructions. All my examples were actual “oopsies”.
- Those of you who left before the “final song” not only missed the tutorial on the entry form, but also the entertaining ditty by Debbie Miles as she explained the Charity Raffle donations.
- A big thanks to Susan Calzone who volunteered to do the outside signs and to Bernice Dodge who volunteered to chair our “In Memoriam” section.

- Thanks to all who shared ideas that they saw at other quilt shows around the country.
- I will be asking for Drop Off volunteers in a few months and Chris Williams will again be in charge of the show’s Volunteer Schedule.
- Entry forms and instructions will be available at the next 4 Guild Meetings or you can find them on our website.
- Keep working on your “masterpieces”!
- Always feel free to call or email me with any questions, concerns or suggestions. Thank you.

### Quilt Show Charity Raffle: Jan Oehrle

- As you are finishing up those UFO’s or cleaning out your stash this fall, please don’t forget the Quilt Show Charity Raffle. Debbie Miles and I are ready to accept any items you are prepared to donate between now and the end of February. We need approximately 90 items which can include small quilts, baby items, table runners, place mats, pot holders, books, patterns, notions, fat quarters – basically anything that quilters and those who appreciate quilting would enjoy. Handmade items top the list in popularity but all items will be appreciated.
- You can give the items to either Debbie or me at any of the meetings. We would appreciate knowing who has donated the item so please enclose a note indicating that you are the donor. If you have questions as to whether an item would make an appropriate donation, please give either Debbie or me a call.

### Raffle Quilt: Ginny Rainey

#### • “Blue Confetti” Display Locations:

- Hickory Stick May 8 – May 27
- 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

### Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Darla Gibson

- No updates at this time.

### Retreats

#### Toddhall (Columbia, IL): Susan Calzone

- Each year our guild hosts two retreats for our members at the 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, show-



ing and telling. It makes for a great relaxed vacation doing what we love...quilting!

- Retreat awaits you! There are still a couple of spots left for the January 2016 retreat. If you have questions or would like to attend, contact me at [sesnowzone@charter.net](mailto:sesnowzone@charter.net).
- Deposits are due by the October guild meeting with final payments due by the December guild meeting.
- The approximate cost for retreat which includes bedroom, meals, and sewing room, is \$70 per day for a double occupancy bedroom and \$92 per day for a private bedroom.
- **Retreat Schedule:**
  - January 20-24, 2016, Leslie Wilson Lodge.
  - June 8-12, 2016
- More detailed information about our Toddhall Retreats can be found on our website at [bitsnpieces-guild.com](http://bitsnpieces-guild.com) or our yahoo groups site at [bit-squilts@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bit-squilts@yahoogroups.com).

**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 National Speakers: Wendy Richards**

- No updates at this time.

**UFOs: Bernice Dodge and Peggy Anderson**

- No updates at this time.

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# September Birthdays

**Bonnie Paulsmeyer  
Cheryl Chapman  
Debbie Briscoe  
Jan Doyle  
Jeannine Mayo  
Karen Jaeger  
Karen Turner  
Linda Konneman  
Lisa Marsden  
Mary Ann Stark  
Mary K. Wuschke  
Nancy Hopkins  
Nancy Muskopf  
Polly King  
Rose Graf  
Shirley Handlang  
Terry Rhodes**

# Happy Birthday

# THE QUILTED FOX



**September 18, 19, 20, & 21**  
**Friday and Saturday 10:00 – 4:30**  
**Sunday: 12:00 – 4:00 Monday: 10:00 – 5:00**

The shelves are crowded with new fabric and more is coming in every day! We need to make room on the shelves! **We're having a sale!** Any bolt with 3.5 yards or less on it is 20% off, **if** you empty the bolt!!

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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)

## 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.

Please submit any quilting events you may hear of to Cindy Holten at [cmholten@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmholten@sbcglobal.net) for posting to the newsletter.

