

## Guild Program for September 23, 2014

### Let's Talk About Machine Quilting . . .

*Nancy Peters* will talk about hand and domestic machine quilting.

*Jane Coons* will talk about long arm quilting.

*Marsha Bray* will focus on mid-arm machine quilting.

These three master quilters will also have quilt tops at this program and discuss the quilt and details about how that top could be quilted and why. They will then take questions from the audience.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Candy Grisham and I went to the quilt guild in Hannibal and their Charity Project was making lap quilts (36" x 36") for the St Louis Honor Flight. I immediately loved the idea.

At the August meeting, I proposed this new project to the membership. You may recall that at the 2012 Quilt Show, the Bag Auction raised almost \$2,000 for the Honor Flight.

I've talked to a representative of the St Louis Honor Flight and they were very excited about our participation. They stated that many of the veterans are cold during the flight and are always looking for blankets.

The Honor Flight makes the trip once a month from March through November. I know we need time to make the quilts, especially with the holidays upon us, so it was decided that the deadline for the Honor Flight quilts will be the March 2015 guild meeting.



## RULES

- ✓ 36 X 36
- ✓ Patriotic Colors
- ✓ Washed when finished

## PRIZES

- ✓ First to turn in a quilt.
- ✓ Everyone who makes a quilt will get their name in a drawing at the March 2015 meeting.

## MEETING MINUTES

### 26 August 2014

Judy Humphrey, president, called the August 26, 2014 meeting of Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild to order at 7PM. The following committee reports were made.

Tracy Back reminded everyone to keep working on their COK challenge quilts. Remember, they are due at the November meeting. Great prizes will be awarded.

Mona Howard unveiled the 2014 Christmas Block fabric, it is an array of ornaments on a beautiful red background. We always look forward to Mona's original and creative song for the new fabric, we were all entertained and appreciative of her performance.

Chris Williams reported on COK. The Sewing Soiree is September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-4PM at Salem Methodist Church. Come for the day, come for an hour. Much can be accomplished with your participation. Bring your lunch and your craving for chocolate.

Lisa Marsden and Laura Khoury reported on membership. We had 90 members and 2 guests present. Attendance prizes were a gift certificate from In Stitches and the book Precision and Panache donated by author Susan Cleveland.

Susan Calzone announced that despite the retreat being full, names can still be added to the waiting list for the January retreat.

Judy spoke about the Hannibal quilt guild's project for Honor Flight. They make 36" x 36" lap quilts that are

given to veterans when they take their Honor Flights. There is always additional need for the quilts. Members discussed the project. Judy called for a motion to undertake the Honor Flight project. Nancy Peters moved to undertake the Honor Flight project and Tracy Back seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a show of hands. Our guild's lap quilts will be due in March. Quilts will need to be washed for gifting.

Quilter's Minutes was presented by Kathy Cavanass.

Linda Waugh, vice president, introduced our Round Robin program. Members rotated through five different classes. Anne Perry presented hand quilting, Kay Erb taught members how to make fabric beads, Jean Goldsberry introduced tessellations, Karen Turner had us drawing Zentangles, and Sandy Sagan showed how to use a color grid.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 8:45. Show and Tell was presented by our members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Sagan, Secretary



**Quilts of Valor Block Drive**

Would you make two blocks for QOV? If everyone makes two blocks, we will keep more soldiers wrapped in love. Choose from two blocks (Hourglass and Diamond Chain) in either Patriotic/Americana or Autumn Glory colorways. PDF directions and additional details available here: [www.mqxshow.com/QOVBlockDriveMidwest](http://www.mqxshow.com/QOVBlockDriveMidwest). Do you work with EQ7? Contact MQX at [MQXShow@comcast.net](mailto:MQXShow@comcast.net) for the file. Prizes are awarded to the top three block producers (individuals or group) at the Friday Night Dinner. Blocks may also be mailed to: MQX Quilt Festivals, P.O. Box 490, Hampton Falls, NH 03844 by September 10th.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### AQS: Marian Collins

- No updates at this time.

### Christmas Block Exchange: Mona Howard

- The holiday tradition of making blocks featuring a selected fabric was kicked off at our August meeting along with a rousing song Mona sang to the tune of "Walking in a Winter Wonderland". (Her apologies to Bernard and Smith):

#### **Mona's Winter Wonderland Block Exchange Song**



On your mark...are you ready?  
Needles poised...keep them steady.  
A beautiful sight.  
We're happy tonight.  
Getting fabric for a winter wonderland.

Gone away are the last years'.  
UFO's? That's my worst fear.  
If you've finished your quilt,  
Show it soon...there's no guilt.  
You won blocks for your special wonderland.

This year's square has lots of pretty colors,  
Bet you have a stash to make a block.  
You'll say, "This is good, I'll sew another."  
I know that yours will make the winning quilt rock!

Later on, in this meeting  
Buy your square for just one buck.  
Pieced, appliqued or new,  
Have fun, whatever you do.  
And I wish to everyone lots of luck.



- To enter the fun, each person buys a fabric square for \$1.00, converts it into a fabulous block, and turns it in by the November 24 meeting. Lucky winners at the December Holiday Party will receive an array of blocks to make either a quilt or a wall hanging.
- The response to buying fabric squares was great. In fact, all 45 were gone at last meeting leaving many more quilters wanting a fabric square. My apologies to those folks, and I promise to have more at the next meeting.
- This year's fabric is a gorgeous print of brightly colored ornaments on a background of vividly red poinsettias

### COK and More: Chris Williams

- Our piecers, quilters, and binders have been busy! At the August meeting, 19 quilts were delivered to COK bringing the total to date of **160** quilts from either donations of our generous members or from our COK kits. Thanks to all of you for your generosity!
- I'm also hoping that the challenge will bring in a plethora of beautiful quilts to be donated in November to increase that number even more. **ALERT:** That deadline is looming, dear quilters.
- **SEP 16—COK SEW DAY SOIREE** will be held at the Salem United

Methodist Church and we are hoping for a great turnout. The time is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and your COK project and any sewing material you need. If you need for me to provide a kit for you, please let me know before the Sew Day and I will bring something for you. As always, a goodie will be provided. A reminder will be sent out before the date along with a list of things to bring and things provided.

- If you have not signed up, but would like to come, just email or call Chris Williams or if you decide to come on the spur of the moment—that's okay too—you are always welcome. Remember, also, WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND BEGINNERS!
- I have several kits that need to be quilted. That beautiful purple tie is on one of them...a perfect size for quilting on a domestic machine.
- Thanks again for your generosity to COK and we look forward to seeing you at the Sew Day Soiree.

### Library: Phyllis Nelson

- Please remember our great quilting resource, The "Library", which 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.)
- All you need to do is put your name on the card in the item you wish to take and give the card to me—it's that simple!

### Membership: Lisa Marsden

- To date, we have 163 members that have paid their 2013 Membership dues.
- We had 90 members, 2 guests, and a new member in attendance at the August meeting. Please welcome our newest member, Francine Boillat!
- We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to Susan Cleveland and In-Stitches for donating our attendance prizes!!
- 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: 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

- **Art Bits—Wendy Richards:** On Tuesday August 12, members of Art Bits participated in the Grand Opening ceremony for Urban Eats Cafe Central, in the recently renovated Central Library on Olive Street in downtown St. Louis. In 2013, Art Bits exhibited in the restaurant gallery space in the Urban Eats location on Meramec





## COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

Street in the Dutchtown neighborhood. As a result, members of Art Bits collaborated on a stitched piece (think "Stupendous Stitching") to present to the owners of Urban Eats. When we contacted them about delivering the piece, we were honored to be asked to be part of the opening ceremonies at the new location.

- The weather was beautiful and crowds gathered in the new cafe space. Opening remarks were made by a library executive who highlighted the commitment to the community of both the library and Urban Eats — a perfect fit. A representative from the Mayor's office cut the ceremonial large muffin. Art Bits added their appreciation of Urban Eats and presented the art piece.



Linda Waugh presents the art piece "Confluence" created by members of Art Bits, to Caya Aufiero and her husband, John, owners of the Urban Eats Cafe Central.

Following the presentations, menu item samples were passed out and enjoyed by all.

- Art Bits looks forward to a second exhibition of work in the Meramec location space in 2015.
- **THE COMPANY—Fran Collins:** The next meeting of "The Company" will be an outing to St. Charles to visit the Quilted Cottage, (Helen's Hen House new location and name), along with other interesting and unique shops, followed by lunch at Miss Aimee B's Tea Room.
- **SCRAPS—Ivy Osborn:** Charity Sharity received five end bolts of a fabric grouping from *Janie Lou's Quilt Shop*, which in turn went to the Scraps mini group. Be sure and give them a big "THANK YOU" when you're shopping there. There were 5 -8 yds. of fabric on each bolt. We have 8 tops planned: one completed, 4 are cut and 3 more planned. This grouping was for young boys, which we don't get enough of. Watch for completed ones soon at show and tell. There are many groups that can benefit from this donation through COK and More and we'd love to have you can come and sew with us on the 2nd Monday of any month.

### Programs for 2014 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- **SEP 23—Quilter's Minute:** Ivy Osborn  
**Program:** Let's Talk About Machine Quilting by Nancy Peters, Jane Coons, and Marsha Bray.
- **OCT 28—Quilter's Minute:** Fran Collins  
**Program:** Finding Your Quilt Voice by Marilyn Fallert, Carol Love-

lace, 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

### Raffle Quilt 2016: Crazy Quilters - the Execution of a Masterpiece

#### Raffle Riddle

The Process has begun.

It was a lot of fun.

Gathered with their blades of round.

Rulers everyone.

Soon it was done.

Cut pieces laid on heaping mounds.

### 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. Detailed information can be found on our website at [bitsnpiecesguild.com](http://bitsnpiecesguild.com) or our yahoo groups site at [bitsquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:bitsquilts@yahoo.com).
- The January 2015 retreat is booked to 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 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015
  - June 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2015
  - January 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - June 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- If you have questions feel free to email Anne or me.  
Susan Calzone [sesnowzone@charter.net](mailto:sesnowzone@charter.net) and  
Anne Perry [anne\\_perry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anne_perry@sbcglobal.net)

### 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.



## A CELEBRITY QUILTS AMONG US



**I**nside the new copy of the book, *Essential Guide to Modern Quilting*, in the section on Machine Quilting, among the

photographs of beautiful quilting stitches was one of Angela Walters teaching a class... and...who is that in the background...it is none other but our own **Darla Gibson**.

When asked for verification, Ms. Gibson said, "Yes, that's me! I got a preview copy signed by Angela herself. She'd contacted me some months back for permission. Ms. Gibson promised to bring her copy to Crazy Quilters next time!

Ms. Gibson will be available for autographs at the September Guild meeting.

Congratulations, Darla!

## 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](http://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](http://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.

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## *Clear the Small Bolt Sale!!!!!!!*

September 26, 27, 28 & 29  
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)

## September Birthdays

**Debbie Briscoe**

**Jan Doyle**

**Rose Graf**

**Shirley Handlang**

**Nancy Hopkins**

**Carol House**

**Karen Jaeger**

**Polly King**

**Linda Konneman**

**Lisa Marsden**

**Jeannine Mayo**

**Nancy Muskopf**

**Bonnie Paulsmeyer**

**Terry Rhodes**

**Mary Ann Stark**

**Karen Turner**

**Mary K. Wuschke**