

Guild Program for October 27, 2015

From Merchant to Designer - My Journey Quilted Garden Designs by Jenice Belling



Join Jenice Belling as she shares her story of following her dream of entrepreneurship in the creative quilting world. What was she thinking when she hung that "OPEN" sign on October 16, 2000? And what happened that pushed her into the competitive circle of design?

Jenice will share the ups, the downs, and the surprises encountered in her journey with quilting. Her story comes to life for you through her extensive trunk show, to where she is now and what she has been doing since her shop closed in 2013.

In addition to her interesting story of her journey, she'll have a trunk show and will be selling patterns and kits that she has designed. Jenice will also have information about her upcoming retreat.

Please see her amazing designs or contact her at:
quiltedgarden@quiltedgarden.com, www.quiltedgarden.com
facebook.com/quiltedgarden, twitter.com/quiltedgarden,
and [instagram quiltedgarden](https://instagram.com/quiltedgarden)

Dear Members:

As I sit to write this message, I find myself in awe of the creativity around us. Those of you who were at the Challenge display on Tuesday saw firsthand how our members took a page from a magazine and through their interpretation, converted it to a piece of art. These were truly beautiful and will add to the 2016 quilt show.

As fall begins, I'm also in awe of Mother Nature's creativity. She is taking out her warm color paints and spreading the warm glow across the landscape. It is always a wonder to me, especially when I hear the forecasters say that the fall color won't be as brilliant because of the lack of rain. Seriously, I've never seen a dull fall. In fact I've never seen a dull season. So when I think about earth and all its people, I know that it is creativity at its best.

So as we enter the fall season and continue working on our Cover our Kids and quilt show quilts, enjoy your creativity, we are all different, but together we make a creative whole.

This fall also has us busy with families: children need Halloween costumes, teenagers have Halloween parties, and there is football and post-season baseball games to watch. So enjoy it all.



Holiday Par-TAY!

In a little over two short months...**December 8** to be exact...we will have our annual Christmas Party! Can you believe how fast the time is going by?!

But be ye not afraid, for unto this day in the City of Cardinals is come the "Good Word". Go ye, therefore, mark, prepare, and gather:

- 1) Mark your calendars, if you have not already done so;
- 2) Decide which recipe you will use for the one dozen cookies you are asked to bring (best tape it to the fridge now so that you won't misplace it again, but don't set those eggs out just yet), and;
- 3) Set aside three fat quarters of Christmas fabric (no backgrounds, please) to be used in one of the games for the evening.

The party is being organized by Jan Oehrle and Debbie Miles, the same two who brought you the Salad Supper last June. And you know what that means...



MEETING MINUTES

22 SEPTEMBER 2015

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

Both the Minutes and Treasurer's report were approved as submitted.

Linda Waugh, Vice President, introduced Trish Hill who presented a delightful Quilter's Minute.

Linda then introduced Debbie Ernst, Guild Challenge Chair, who gave the background of the Challenge and then invited all present to view the quilts that were entered and displayed. She explained the voting procedure and each person was given a ballot to vote for their favorite quilt. The votes were tallied and the winners were announced later in the meeting. Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Place Marianne Anderson
- 2nd Place Laura Koury
- 3rd Place Roxanne Jasper

Each of the winners received a beautiful ribbon and a cash prize. Their quilts will be pictured in the newsletter so be sure to look for them.

Our business meeting resumed at 7:35PM.

Anne announced that all newsletter submissions had to be made to Cindy Holden by September

25. She also announced that Cindy would continue on as the Newsletter Editor in 2016.

Anne asked for volunteers to be part of the Nominating Committee. It is so important to find members to fill the positions of Vice-president and Secretary. The Vice-president takes care of programs, and the Secretary is responsible for keeping a record of the meetings. If you would consider volunteering for either position, please ask Anne, Linda, or Sandy for information about the responsibilities of either office. Consider being one that leads—make a difference.

Nancy Peters, Quilt Show Chairperson, reminded us about the steps needed to enter our quilts in the show. She also asked for a show of hands of members that would lend their antique quilts for the Bed Turning. If you have an antique quilt that you would enjoy being shown at Bed Turning, please contact Jeanette Marcus or Laurie Schrader.

Darlene Sporza spoke about Quilts of Valor. Remember, there is always a need for quilts for our men and women that protect our freedom. So please consider helping.

Darla Gibson reported on the Quilt Raffle for the quilt show. So far over 3,000 tickets have been sold. But, there are many more to sell. Please sell your tickets and turn them so that you can be eligible for the next drawing.

Darla also announced the next Day Retreat Sew Day will be October 17 at the West County Fire Station on Henry Road. It's a day long retreat and you can sew and sew and sew.

Laura Koury and Lisa Marsden held attendance prize drawings. There were two lucky winners. Laura also announced the new Membership Committee Members.

The 2016 and 2017 national speakers have been posted by Candy and Wendy.

Chris Williams, COK Chair, brought us up-to-date on the number of quilts that have been made for distribution to our various recipient organizations. Chris announced that Louise Morris has graciously volunteered to be the new COK chairperson. Thank you Louise for undertaking this important work for our guild.

Anne invited the entrants of the Guild Challenge to show their quilts and tell about how they used their inspirations to create their quilts. This was followed by member show and tell.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Sagan, Secretary



COMMITTEE REPORTS

COK and More: Chris Williams

- NEWS FLASH! The new Cover Our Kids Chairman for 2016 is LOUISE MORRIS!!!!
- Louise has generously volunteered to fill this position and is excited to begin the new year. I know you will all give her your support. She has lots of great ideas so it should be fun for us all.
- Quilt donations at the September meeting include 5 from COK kits and 13 donated quilts. Thank you!
- Distributions of quilts in September are:
 - 10 - Cardinal Glennon
 - 10 - St. Louis Childrens Hospital
 - 10 - Crisis Nursery Centene Center
 - 10 - Crisis Nursery St. Charles
 - 14 - St. Louis Transitional Hope House
 - 18 - Epworth Center
 - 6 - Jefferson County Nursing Homes
- Through September we will have distributed 144 quilts!
- I don't know where September has gone and October already promises to be a frenzy.
- My apologies for not organizing a sew day lately, but I will try for one in October and will send a notice out.
- Thank you again for your generosity to COK.

2015 Guild Challenge Winners

- The challenge quilts were beyond amazing. Each participant was given a page from a magazine to create a quilt from. And the creativity, interpretation, and execution from page to quilt was indeed astounding art piece.
- Although there were only three individuals who received votes from the membership for first, second, and third place, **EVERY SINGLE ENTRANT** in this challenge was a winner!
- The Bits Guild will be proud to display ALL these challenge quilts at the Fanfare of Quilts 2016!
- The Winners were:
 - 1st Place - Mary Ann Anderson
 - 2nd Place - Laura Khoury
 - 3rd Place - Roxanne Jasper
- Pictures on Page 8 as well as the website.

Holiday Block Exchange: Lisa Marsden

- 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 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! All Paper-piecing, Appliqué, and Embellishments are welcome!
- We sold 55 pieces of fabric and have already received 15 blocks back!!
- **We will be selling fabric once more at the OCTOBER meeting. So come by and get some for one or several blocks!!**

Holiday Party: Jan Oehrle & Debbie Miles

- Details on Page 2.

Library: Kay Merz

- The following DVD's by Karen Kay Buckley have been added to the guild library. Karen is a world renowned quilter, teacher, and design artist who has won many awards for her quilts. Her DVD's are loaded with information. Please take advantage of these great resources.
- "Hand and Machine Appliqué" - This DVD covers suggested supplies, various methods for making templates, the appliqué stitch (both hand and machine), inner and outer points, smooth curves, Perfect Circles, several methods to make stems, reverse appliqué and squaring the blocks. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned appliquéer, you will learn everything you need to know to create beautiful hand and machine appliqué. This is an excellent DVD and learning tool.
- "Border Design Workshop" - Another DVD by Karen Kay Buckley. Includes information on all of the supplies needed to design your border and a ton of border ideas for different types of borders including both piecing and appliqué. Karen also covers measuring to ensure a flat quilt, appliqué borders to fit your quilt, binding options and more. This is a 2 1/2 hour DVD. It is a good resource to get your creative juices going and encourage out of the box design ideas for your borders.
- These are excellent tools for both the beginner and experienced quilter/appliquéer. You can find these new DVD's in your Guild Library located at the back of the meeting room in a cabinet in the side classroom. If you need assistance in finding a book or want to check out or return a DVD or book, I will be at the table located just outside this room.
- Your Guild has provided these resources for members. You are encouraged to take advantage of these great tools.

Membership: Lisa Marsden and Laura Khoury

- We had 77 people in attendance at the September meeting.
- To date, we have 168 members that have paid their 2015 Membership dues.
- Our attendance prizes were won by Darla Gibson and Nancy Peters. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy them!



- THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to Candy Grisham, Judy Humphrey, Bernadette Delanney, and Nancy Stratte for volunteering to be your next Membership Committee!
- 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!
- 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!

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.

- The next meeting of "The Company", will take place on Thursday, October 15.
- We will meet at Dierbergs Town Center in Wildwood at 9:00 am and carpool to Union, MO, where we have arranged to have a trunk show by Toby Lischko.
- You may know that Toby is a nationally known quilt designer, author, teacher, and lecturer from the St. Louis area. Her patterns and designs are outstanding so this promises to be a fun day. Hopefully, the trees will be as beautiful as the quilts, and it will be a lovely ride to Union.
- Toby has also promised us a tour of the house and the opportunity to shop her fabrics and patterns. Lunch out will follow.
- This event is open to the first 10 guild members who would like to join us. There will be a nominal charge, approximately \$6, depending on the number of attendees. If you would like come, please call Fran Collins, 636-329-1860, to reserve a spot.

Programs for 2015 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- **OCT 27** Quilter's Minute: Rosemary Hopkins
Program: "From Merchant to Designer - My Journey" 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

- My next request is for Drop Off Volunteers. A DoV collects about 15 to 20 quilts from her assigned list of entrants. The quilts are delivered to the DoV's house by the entrants. The DoV checks them for condition, label, rod pocket, and pillowcase. She then numbers the pillowcase with masking tape and delivers them on Friday to Queeny Park by noon.
- If you will be volunteering for set up, the job of DoV will fit well in your schedule. However, you do not need to do set up to volunteer to be a DoV. I need several DoVs from all zip codes of our membership. It can't be a bad job because most DoVs re-volunteer for every show! A sign-up sheet will be available at the October Guild Meeting.
- Publicity is very important for a success show. Sarah will need members to: deliver bookmarks and flyers to quilt shops and to "spread the word" about Fanfare of Quilts to friends, co-workers, neighbors and relatives. And while you are at it, sell them Raffle quilt tickets!
- Keep working on your entries and, perhaps, a donation item for our Honor Flight Raffle.
- Thank you for your co-operation.

Quilt Show Charity Raffle: Jan Oehrle

- As you finish up those UFO's or clean out your stash this fall, please don't forget the Quilt Show Charity Ticket 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



COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

- Merrily We Sew Along: July 7 – July 21
- Patchwork Plus (Wood River, IL): July 21 – August 4
- Faust Park Fall Festival: September 19 – 20
- In Stitches: Sept 30 - Oct 9
- Jackman's: October 10-12

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Darla Gibson

- The quilt will be at In Stitches 9/23 to 10/9 so send your friends to see it to get their chance to win! We will have the quilt at Jackman's 10/10 to 10/12. This is their Columbus Day Sale so we hope to get a lot of traffic over the weekend.
- We also need your help to man the table while it's at Jackman's. You should have received an email from Darla Gibson for signupgenius.com to sign up to help during this time frame. Please consider giving two hours of your time to help us sell tickets!
- Also, if you are planning to go to a retreat or other event, bring your tickets and picture so you can tell your friends and sell some tickets.
- Lastly, visit our Facebook Page. The quilt picture is there and you can "Like" the page and get access to the picture and share with your friends that way too!
- The success of the ticket sales is dependent on the participation of our members – we need everyone to make this happen! Thanks for all your help and support so far – we hope to continue getting the quilt out and about! Thanks. The Raffle Ticket Committee (a/k/a The Crazy Quilters Mini Group).

Charity Ticket Raffle: Jan Oehrle/Debbie Miles

- The holiday season is approaching, and as you start to focus on that extensive gift list you generate each year, don't forget about the gift(s) you plan to give to the Charity Ticket Raffle for the Quilt Show next spring!
- Wondering what to donate? Just imagine the types of quilting- or sewing-related things you'd be excited to get should your ticket be a winner! And to help you along, a little ditty. <ahem> Ready?:

There once was a vet from St. Louie
Who was feeling a little, well, blue.
But with all the cash
That we raised from our stash
He flew to DC! Hallelu-ie!

- Yes, indeed, all proceeds from the 2016 Charity Ticket Raffle will go to the Honor Flight organization.
- So let's do our part for those who did so much for us! Let's raise a ton of funds by donating a ton of

items to the Charity Ticket Raffle! You may give your donations any time between now and March to Jan Oehrle or Debbie Miles.

Quilt Show Public Relations: Sarah Stevens

- A BIG THANKS to Cindy Holten for designing and Wendy Richard for editing the Bookmark and Flyer. Both worked feverishly to get these documents ready for distribution.
- The Flyer and Bookmarks will be available at the October meeting as well as on our website. Please print out as many copies as you need, and "Spread the Word" to all your friends, family, co-workers, and favorite places. It is ONLY through your efforts that we can make our 10th Fanfare of Quilts Show THE best!

*** Fanfare of Quilts 2016 ***

Retreats

Toddhall (Columbia, IL): Susan Calzone

- Retreat awaits you! The next retreat is January 20-24, 2016. If you have questions or would like to attend contact me at sesnowzone@charter.net.
- You may attend for less than the full four nights, five days but a two night, three day minimum is preferred.
- Retreat Schedule:
 - **January 20-24, 2016, Leslie Wilson Lodge.**
 - **June 8-12, 2016**
- More detailed information can be found on our website at bitsnpiecesguild.com or our yahoo groups site at bitsquilts@yahoogroups.com.

Day Retreat Sew Day: Darla Gibson

- On Saturday, October 17, we will have a One-Day Retreat. The plan is to arrive at 9:00 a.m. and sew all day! You can stay as long as you are able. The cost is \$10. That includes lunch! We usually plan to wrap up between 8 and 9 p.m. and we usually order pizza or something for dinner.
- This is time for you to work on your own projects. There is usually a room full of people to help with advice on your project, if you need it! It's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know other members of the guild. We hope you'll join us.
- If you are interested, please email me at ddgibby@charter.net as soon as possible. There is a limit of about 12 to 15 so contact me early! I do need money before the event to secure your spot; please mail your check to me at: Darla Gibson, 746 Napa Lane, St. Charles, MO 63304.

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

- **MAY 23, 2017** Becky Goldsmith will lecture, following by classes on May 24 & 25. Details to follow.

UFOs: Bernice Dodge and Peggy Anderson

- No updates at this time.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
BECKY GOLDSMITH
IS COMING TO TOWN MAY 2017**



Becky Goldsmith, of Piece of Cake Designs, will be our national speaker at the guild meeting on May 23, 2017. Becky will also conduct classes on May 24 and 25. Both Becky and Linda Jenkins developed the "piece of cake" appliqué method. Details to follow in 2016.

October Birthdays



Ceil Adams
Dorothy (D.J.) White
Edel O'Toole
Ginny Rainey
Hallie Bone
Jane Coons
Jean Goldsberry
Julie Kitchen
Julie Maschmann
Linda Schwartz
Lynn Pias
Sherry Bumann
Suzanne Miller



Congratulations to the 2015 Challenge Committee!

The framework for the Challenge was the result of extremely creative thinking, and inspired many guild members to think outside of the box. Every entry represented a great deal of creative planning, execution and talent. The challenge provided a wonderful opportunity for all members to see the talent that exists in our own guild. Voting for JUST ONE was difficult. I especially enjoyed the Show and Tell of all the entries. THANK YOU! to the Challenge Committee for providing such an enjoyable program.

Jean Weber

1st Place - Mary Ann Anderson



2nd Place - Laura Khoury



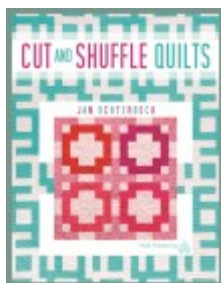
3rd Place - Roxanne Jasper—Side 1 & Side 2

THE QUILTED FOX



Jan Ochterbeck Book Signing – October 4

Join us as we welcome St. Louis's own Jan Ochterbeck. Her book, *Cut & Shuffle Quilts*, will be published soon by the American Quilter's Society. She is joining us on Sunday, October 4 from 12:00 to 3:00 to autograph books. Come and meet Jan, see her quilts and get a signed copy of her book!



Demo Night Thursday, October 8

Multiple demonstration stations!
Refreshments! Games!
Attendance Prizes!
7:00 – 9:00 pm



Demonstrations will be happening all over the shop! Stop in, register for the door prizes, learn some new tips, tricks and tools to enhance your quilting skills. Have some refreshments and meet up with friends. It's a fun evening for everyone! Free – but you must pre-register.

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



Happy Halloween

