

Guild Meeting October 25, 2016



Kevin R. Huffman

Quilting is in Kevin's blood. He has been affiliated with quilting since the tender age of 4, having a grandmother that allowed him to participate in the making of quilts, and two great aunts who encouraged him to develop his quilting skills.

Kevin has been a flight attendant for the past 15 years and rediscovered quilting as his therapy and passion on long layovers. He is a staunch supporter of the Quilts of Valor Foundation and blogs at www.kevinthequilter.blogspot.com.

He revisits his childhood through his works of art. He is the proud parent of two Boston Terriers, one really fluffy cat, and 19 chickens.



Kevin will begin the evening with a **Quilts of Valor Presentation** to veterans, including a bombardier from WWII, a Viet Nam veteran, and a Marine who served in Iraq, as well as others. After the honorable and well-deserved recognition of these veterans, Kevin will continue this evening's program with a . . .

Discussion of the ever growing, always disorganized, and most valuable item in every quilter's stash...**Scraps**. He will provide methods to organize those scraps, tips and technique for using those scraps, and ideas for converting them into donation quilts and other useful things.



SCRAPS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't know about you, but I thought summer was never going to end. Fall is here and it's time to think about cozy nights with warm quilts and projects on our laps. This is the time of year when I just like to hunker down with my fabric, patterns, and threads, and think of projects.

There seems to be an abundance of scheduled quilt shows lately and next year the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival will be in June. This is an every other year event and many of the Kansas City guilds come together for one large show. Some of our own members went in 2015 and enjoyed the festival. A change to cooler weather also means that the Houston Quilt Festival is only a few weeks away. I know many members will be going and it is always a good time and lots of classes. And as you know, we have a great start on our own Fanfare of Quilts 2018 show...THANK YOU, Joyce Zeep (joycezeep83@gmail.com)...the show's coordinator!! And beginning in January, the Quilt Show will be on each month's meeting agenda.

Our guild is blessed with a large and active membership. We share our craft and give back to the community. We have excellent national and local speakers for our guild programs. And guild members use their connections to help attract national and regional teachers for our workshops.

Our volunteers ensure we are involved in Cover our Kids, Quilts of Valor, and Honor Flight community services. Volunteers provide their time for guild communication through the Yahoo group, our website, and our newsletter. Members volunteer for designing and coordinating the guild Challenges and Block of the Month activities. Our volunteers also send cards and flowers according to our bylaws via the Sunshine and Shadows coordinator and we maintain an extensive library. Our guild also has a UFO committee that helps encourage completion of UFOs through healthy competition.

Many small groups have evolved ranging from art quilts, donation quilts, block exchanges, appliqué groups, and social events with field trips to various local quilt shops.

Your executive committee ensures we have a place to meet, an operating budget, the accounts audited, programs planned, contracts signed, and minutes recorded.

All these and many more activities keep our membership strong and the guild active. It is the members of this guild that keep it moving forward. Our membership continues to grow, our community services continue to expand, and creativity and camaraderie continue to be a constant.

There is a saying: "If you want to 'GET IT DONE' ask a quilter!" So become part of the Bits n Pieces leadership, you will always have help and everything you do is right!

Happy Halloween.

Best to all,
Anne Perry, President

MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2016

President Anne Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Anne Perry announced the newsletter deadline of 9/30/16.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 23, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

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

President Perry asked for a nominating committee for president and treasurer.

If there are no volunteers for the Christmas party, Anne Perry will organize the party.

Chris Williams thanked everyone for the calls and notes of support during her recent illness. She announced that the speaker for the October program is Kevin the Quilter. There will be Quilts of Valor presentations for three of our members. Chris asked that the members wear red, white and blue. She requested volunteers to help decorate. 2017 programs will be announced in November.

Wendy Richards introduced program speaker Cindy Lohbeck of Hands on Hand Dyes. She presented the lecture "Diary of a Dye Hard".

After the break, the meeting resumed at 8:15pm.

COK Chairperson, Louise Morris reported that 260 quilts are on the books. She requested that members turn in baggie blocks. She also announced a new quilt recipient, Missouri Veterans Endeavor. It is located in North St. Louis and has requested nine quilts.

Anne asked that members that show UFO's during show and tell send Peggy Anderson a note letting her know the quilt was shown.

Candy Grisham reported attendance of 101 with seven visitors and two new members. Six attendance prizes were awarded.

Many members participated in show and tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hopkins, Secretary



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Block of the Month: Mary Lou Melkowski

- We are half way through the series and the blocks made so far are very beautiful!
- But...IF you have not signed up for the BOM, it's not too late. We have copies of all the past blocks or you can find them on the Bits website. You could also join us for the next 6 blocks and make a wall hanging.
- You will receive one chance to win the quilt top for each block you finish. You can bring in your finished blocks anytime. They do not need to be finished the month after you receive the pattern.

COK and More: Louise Morris

- It's only September and already my thoughts are turning to November when Cover Our Kids will have the honor of hosting our guild program. It is a time when we get to show off to the guild all the beautiful quilts made over the past year and to thank all those who took part in making them. You will also hear from an organization that receives our quilts and the impact that the quilts make on the children they are given to. Challenge quilts will also be on display and "Thank You" gifts will be given to all of you who helped to make our community service project so successful.
- Here are some statistics I thought might be interesting: We currently have around 280 quilts logged in and of those about 220 have been completed and distributed to organizations or are ready to be distributed.
- Sixty quilts sound like a lot to still have out there but, in fact, many have not even been put out yet to take home. This month alone we received 45 completed quilts or quilt tops, a new record! Eleven completed quilts from kits were turned in along with 26 donated quilts and 8 tops and 6 kits were taken home.
- We have ended our Baggie Block program for the year and our last sew day of the year will be Saturday, October 22.
- Finally, we have picked up a new recipient for our quilts, thanks to a suggestion by Laurie Schraeder, which I am very excited about. It is Missouri Veterans Endeavor and it gives temporary, transition housing to homeless veterans and their families along with medical, social and emotional support. The 10 children living there will each receive a quilt over the holidays.
- "Homeless" and "veteran" are two words that should never be used in the same sentence! The need for comfort quilts in our area is great and you all have far exceeded my expectations! See you in October when we will honor three of our own veterans.

Guild Challenge: Cindy Holten & Carol Lovelace

- Just as a reminder, **there will be** a 2017 Guild Quilt Challenge, scheduled to kick off at the March 2017 meeting.
- I hope many of you will participate in this fun challenge.

Honor Flights: Judy Humphrey

HONOR FLIGHT GREETINGS

Many have asked if they can come to the early morning greetings of the Honor Flights. Yes, you are most welcome. The next Honor Flight is Saturday, October 15. I arrive at 3:00 am at Terminal 2 on the lower level.

FABRIC SALE

At our meeting in October, I will be selling fabric in one of the side rooms. I was given new fabric from a quilt shop for use in making Honor Flight Quilts, but although this is wonderful fabric, it is not appropriate for these quilts. I have yardage and fat quarters. Yardage is \$4.00 per yard (no cutting) and Fat Quarters are \$1.00 each. With the sale of this fabric I will purchase patriotic fabric. Please stop by and see this fabric.

HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS

Please continue making quilts for our vets. They cover our backs, let's cover theirs with our quilts.

Library: Kay Merz

- Hopefully everyone was able to attend the September meeting and hear Cindy Lohbeck's presentation and see what can be done with dye and some imagination.
- Some of you were even fortunate enough to attend one or more of her workshops. It is quite possible that she has sparked or renewed your interest in fabric dyeing.
- Maybe you were interested but not able to attend one of her workshops. Your Guild Library now has available Cindy's DVD "Full Spectrum Dyeing". It is a DVD offered through iQuilt as an online class or DVD. Cindy covers her easy-to-understand method and just may open a whole new world of fabric color for you.
- Your Guild Library is a wonderful resource of books as well as DVDs, and fictional quilt related novels. Whatever your quilting interest, dyeing fabric, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

Membership: Bernadette Delannay/Candy Grisham/Judy Humphrey

- At the September meeting we welcomed 2 new members, Linda Keeler and Carol Wibbenmeyer, and 7 guests with 101 quilters in attendance.
- One of the 6 attendance prizes was donated by our guest speaker Cindy Lohbeck.
- **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

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

- The programs for the remainder of 2016:
 - **OCT 25** - Kevin the Quilter - A special meeting is planned. In addition to a trunk show and some fun, the meeting will include Quilt of Valor presentations to honor a few veterans who are related to members. Come join in to meet these special honorees.
 - **NOV 25** - Cover Our Kids & More Annual Program
 - **DEC 13** - Bits Holiday Party
- The 2017 programs are coming together as well and promises to be an exciting year for Bits members. The schedule of programs will be available in November.
- 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.
- **Approximate prices (vary by attendance) -**
 - double occupancy, *with meals - \$238
 - single occupancy, *with meals - \$304

- double occupancy, no meals - \$148
- single occupancy, no meals - \$214
- add on day/night, double, no meals + \$48
- add on day/night, single, no meals + \$70
- *Meals are only available if there are at least ten retreaters purchasing them.
- **2017 Retreats:**
 - January 18 - 21, add-on January 17.
 - June 14 -17, add-on June 13
- 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. If you choose to be wait-listed you will not be asked to make any deposits/ payments and are under no obligation to attend if offered a place. You would just pay in full if and when you decide to attend. To sign-up you can email me or find me at our guild meetings at the RETREAT table.
- For detailed information on the location, bedrooms, sewing area, meals, cancellations, refunds, and packing see our website under Special Events, Retreats where you will find two documents for your review.
- 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

- **Chris Williams** had gall bladder surgery this month and is home at last and feeling much better.
- **Ruth Nilson** just got home from the hospital after having hip replacement surgery. She is receiving therapy at home and doing better.
- **Debra Kramer's** nine year old granddaughter has intracranial hypertension. She is on meds and has had double vision.
- **Candy Grisham's** quilt, "Tears of Our Nation" was accepted in the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum show.
- **Carol Lovelace's** quilt, "Tiger", was accepted as a finalist in the Juried MQX Midwest Festival in Springfield, Illinois.
- Please support your guild friends with a card or email. It really lifts your spirit when you receive support.
- Please contact me with any information for Sunshine and Shadow: Linda Waugh at lkampwaugh@charter.net or 314-909-8559.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

Workshops by National Speakers: Wendy Richards/ Candy Grisham

- **SEP 27-29, 2016** Cindy Lohbeck of Hands On Hand Dyes Workshops
 - Thank you to everyone who attended, brought irons/sewing machines, helped with clean-up at the two days of fantastic dye workshops! It “takes a village”!
 - **Please bring two of your favorite dye pieces to the October guild meeting** for a fast show and tell. PLEASE ONLY TWO!!! I know it will be hard.

Treasurer's Report: Jean Weber

- For auditing reasons, it is imperative that these procedures are followed when submitting income/expenses:
 1. Original receipts must be submitted – **no photo-copies**.
 2. Receipts for re-imbursement must consist of **ONLY** items purchased for the guild. Do **NOT** 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.

THE QUILTED FOX

Clear the Small Bolt Sale!!!!!!!

October 7, 8, 9 & 10

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!!



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

