



# Fan Mail

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OCTOBER 2014

## Guild Program for October 28, 2014



# "Finding Your Quilt Voice."

**Three of the guild's own talented members, Marilyn Fallert, Carol Lovelace, and Mary Lou Melkowski, will present a panel discussion on, "Finding your Quilt Voice".**

**You may find these articles that relate to this discussion, well worth reading:**

- ☺ **"The Spirit of Creation" by Fulvia Luciano;  
ART QUILTING STUDIO, Summer, 2012**
- ☺ **"Quilting = Passion & Adventure" by Linda Beach;  
QUILTERS NEWSLETTER, June/July, 2012**
- ☺ **"Developing Your Artist In Residence" by Lyric Kinard;  
QUILTING ARTS MAGAZINE, June/July, 2012.**

## **P R E S I D E N T ' S   M E S S A G E**

**I**f you weren't at the September meeting, you missed an excellent program. Three of our own highly talented members: Jane Coons, Marsha Bray, and Nancy Peters, gave an interesting and informative presentation on the many aspects of machine quilting.

They spoke about the various types of machines used for quilting: Long arm to domestic, what questions to ask yourself when planning how to quilt your quilt, and demonstrated several quilt designs that could be used on the unquilted quilts they'd provided. They stressed that quilting makes the quilting.

Throughout the presentation, the panel took questions and added many helpful tips and techniques.

The October meeting will again have a panel discussion by three of our own members: Marilyn Fallert, Carol Lovelace, and Mary Lou Melkowski, entitled: "Finding your Quilt Voice". This should prove to be another fantastic discussion.

Our guild has so many talented people...and that's what our guild is about- "Sharing".

**Judy Humphrey, President**

# Holiday Party

TUES., DEC. 9, at 7:00 PM

*It's hard to believe it's already Fall and before we know it we'll be gearing up for the Holiday season. So on that note, Peggy Anderson and Carol Valenta and I are busy making plans for our Holiday Party. We will be doing a different program this year, mixing the "old" with the "new", but filling it with lots of fun for all. So mark you calendars and be sure to join us on December 9.*

*As in previous Holiday parties, we will be doing a cookie exchange and ask that you bring the following, plus...:*



- ☺ One dozen of your favorite cookies to share
- ☺ A canned good for the local food pantry
- ☺ A fat quarter
- ☺ Show and Tell holiday item

*Of course, it wouldn't be a Christmas party without dressing the part so search your closet, attics, and bins and find your favorite or "unfavorite" holiday sweater. Awards will be given to the most beautiful, the most creative, and the most embarrassed-to-be-seen-in-public with sweater.*

*New this year is a "Show and Tell" of any holiday item, new or old, that you have made. This can be quilts, sweaters, holiday decorations, clothing, baskets, table runners and the like. There is a lot of talent in our guild and this is your opportunity to show off those additional talents. What a great way to get us all in the Spirit of the Season!*

*This is one Holiday Party you won't want to miss...so circle  
**December 9**...and come join us!*

**Louise Morris - Peggy Anderson - Carol Valenta**  
Coordinators

## MEETING MINUTES

**23 September 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Humphrey at 7pm.

Quilter's Minute was given by Ivy Osborn.

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Five quilts for the Honor Flight were shown. Judy Humphrey will set up a sew day for sewing quilts for the Honor Flight.

Linda Waugh introduced the program: a panel discussion on Machine Quilting by Nancy Peters, Marsha Bray, and Jane Coons.

Barbara Warner alerted guild members to possible signs of pulmonary embolism and encouraged anyone with symptoms to go to the ER or see their doctor.

Holiday Block Exchange: Mona Howard showed several items made with past year blocks. Members will receive two drawing chances for blocks turned in by the October meeting. All blocks are due by the November meeting.

Membership: 70 people attended the meeting. Two members received attendance prizes.

Nominating Committee: Jan Oehrle, Debbie Mills, and Louise Morris volunteered. The slate of nominees is to be presented at the October guild meeting, voted on at the November meeting, and the new board members will take office at the December guild meeting. The positions to be

filled are President and Treasurer.

Challenge: Challenges are due at the November guild meeting. All donated prizes can be given to Marsha or Tracy.

Cover Our Kids and More: Chris Williams reported on a good sew day and read a thank-you card from SSM Healthcare. There will not be an October sew day. Sew days will resume in January. 160 quilts have been donated so far this year. Please check to see if you have a quilt outstanding and if you cannot finish it, please turn it in, no questions asked. Also, please remember to make some quilts for boys.

Holiday Party: Louise Morris reported that the Holiday Party will be on December 9. Please bring 1) a fat quarter, 2) 1 dozen cookies, and 3) a Holiday project to share, e.g. ornaments, quilts, pillows, anything you want to share. Please wear either your best or most hideous holiday sweater. Several activities have been planned. The holiday blocks drawing will also be held at the Holiday Party.

UFOs: Mary Lou Melkowski reported that November is the last month to turn in UFOs.

The meeting was adjourned for show and tell.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Richards for  
Sandy Sagan, Secretary

## HONOR FLIGHT



Please remember the Honor Flight quilts. Although these small quilts are not due until the March 2015 meeting, please help the guild give 100% to these men and women who gave so much for us.

### RULES

- ♦ 36" X 36"  
(Slightly larger is okay)
- ♦ Patriotic Colors
- ♦ Washed when finished

### PRIZES

- ♦ First to turn in a quilt.
- ♦ Everyone who



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### AQS: Marian Collins

- No updates at this time.

### Christmas Block Exchange: Mona Howard

- Remember blocks turned in at both the September and October meetings will each get TWO chances entered in the drawings.
- The November meeting is when they are all due.

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



The fabric squares were such a hit!  
They "sold out" last meeting...don't have a fit.  
There's more to buy, but with a limit of two,  
I can't wait to see how each of you do.

Some blocks are finished and already turned in.  
If you don't make yours it's not really a sin.  
But think of the fun you'll have designing a block  
It's your chance to make the winning quilt rock.

### COK and More: Chris Williams

- The Sew Day Soiree on September 16 was small but successful. We had 7 devoted quilters share in the fun, friendship, chocolate and goodies from our resident baker, Jim Holten.
- There were 29 quilts turned in at the September meeting, raising the tally of quilts received so far this year to 189. I'm hoping that the guild challenge will bring in a plethora of beautiful quilts to be donated in November. That deadline is looming, ladies.
- At the September meeting 2 kits and 5 pieced tops for quilting were signed out. Also, I checked my records and found that more than 20 kits and quilts in various stages are still outstanding. If you have one or more tucked away and think you will be unable to complete it (be it piecing, quilting, or binding) by the November meeting, please return it to me – no questions asked. My aim is to keep the process moving along and by the end of the year to get the quilts done and delivered to where they are needed most. Your gift of time is greatly appreciated.
- We are not having an October Sew Day, but we will start our sew days again in January 2015
- Thank you all for your generosity to COK.

### 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

- Our attendance prizes were won by Jan Oehrlé and Cheryl Covert. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy them! We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to In-Stitches for donating gift certificates for our attendance prizes!!
- To date, we have 164 members that have paid their 2014 Membership dues.
- We had 70 people in attendance at the September meeting.

- 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

- **THE COMPANY—Fran Collins:** On Thursday, October 16, "The Company" mini group will visit Janie Lou's Fabric Store on Manchester Road, followed by a trip to Maplewood. There we'll browse the Pensey's Spice Shop and a local Chocolate store. Lunch is to be determined, so stay tuned for more details to follow. We'll carpool/caravan from Dillard's Chesterfield lower lot at 9:30 AM. Guild members need not be regular members of The Company to join us on these outings.

### Programs for 2014 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- **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

### Raffle Quilt 2016: Crazy Quilters - Saga of a Piecer

#### Raffle Riddle

This piece connects to this piece.  
This piece is all alone?  
This piece was sewn a bit crooked.  
I sewed together the same tone and tones.

This piece was cut too short.  
This piece was a little burned.  
This piece sewed in so smoothly...but  
I realized it was wrongly turned!

This piece has two right sides?  
This piece does not align.  
This piece belongs at the top.  
I need a glass of wine.

### 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)

## Sunshine & Shadow: Peggy Knight

- **Hallye Bone**—Recently had bone surgery, but is recovery well.
- **Nellie Mueller**—Was back in and out of the hospital, but is slowly recuperating at home.
- **Fran Collins**—Lost her sister after a long battle with cancer.

Please show these members your support through your thoughts, prayers and cards.

## 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

- The end of the year is fast approaching. You only have 2 more months to complete your unfinished projects. There will not be show and tell at the Dec. meeting so UFOs will need to be finished by the Nov. meeting.
- If you have been putting off getting something finished, it's time to really get busy and finish it. It would be wonderful to see a lot of finished projects these last 2 months.



October Birthdays



**Ceil Adams**

**Dorothy (D.J.) White**

**Edel O'Toole**

**Ginny Rainey**

**Hallye Bone**

**Jane Coons**

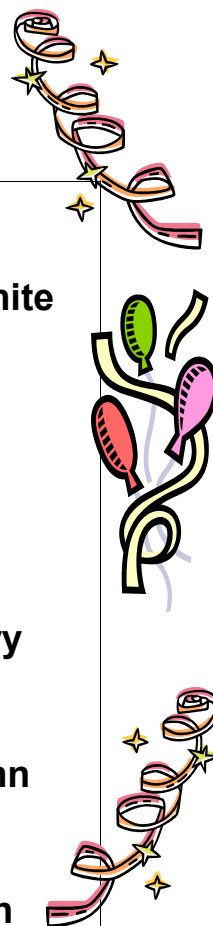
**Jean Goldsberry**

**Julie Kitchen**

**Julie Maschmann**

**Peggy Knight**

**Sherry Bumann**



## QUILT EVENTS

**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.



# THE QUILTED FOX



## Demo Night

Wednesday, October 22

5:30 pm— 8:00 pm

Multiple demonstration stations!

Refreshments!

Attendance Prizes!

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!

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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)



Have a safe , healthy,  
and happy one.

