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Salem Methodist Church ♥ 14825 Manchester Road ♥ Ballwin, MO
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NOVEMBER 2016

CANCELLED

Guild Meeting November 22, 2016

**This meeting has been canceled because
of repairs to the Church.**

**The COK Presentation will be
rescheduled for the January 2017
meeting.**

**We apologize for any inconvenience this
may have caused.**

**Please have a safe and happy Thanksgiv-
ing, and we hope to see you at the
Holiday Party on December 13.**

Today we honored four U. S. Veterans,
but tomorrow and always we honor all those
who have sacrificed for our freedom.



Left to Right: USMC, **Nick Murphy**, Iraq; US Army, **Damon Snow**, WWI;
US Army, **Robert Sagan**, Viet Nam; US Army, **Lynn Osborn**, Viet Nam;
Kevin Huffman, Presenter



USMC, **Nick Murphy**, Marines, Infantry,
served 4 yrs., 2 tours of duty in Iraq.
(Cousin of Lisa Marsden)



US Army, **Damon Snow**, WWII - entered Army Air
Corps in 1943 one month before his 19th birthday. De-
ployed to the China-Burma-India area.
(Father of Susan Calzone).



US Army, **Robert Sagan**, Vietnam
(Husband of Sandy Sagan)



US Army, **Lynn Osborn**, served 2 1/2 yrs. Had tour of
duty to Viet Nam, 1971-1972.
(Husband of Ivy Osborn).

The Holiday Party



Ready for a night of fun and friendship?
Well, you won't want to miss the annual
Bits 'n' Pieces Holiday Party.

Tuesday December 13, 2016

7:00-9:00

(you may want to arrive at 6:45 to set out your goodies)

WHAT TO BRING

- ★ Three (3) fat quarters
- ★ Cookies, fruit, veggies, cheese, or whatever you want to bring as long as it can be served with toothpicks, forks, or tongs. (Please note: If your life gets hectic, please do NOT feel that you cannot come because you are unable to bring a snack. We always have WAY more than enough.)
- ★ A non-perishable item for the Church's food bank
- ★ Wear red and green
- ★ Wear your Name tag

HAPPENINGS

- ★ The display and Give Away of Members' Christmas blocks
- ★ Playing "Right-center-left" game, thus the need for 3 fat quarters

I want to personally thank the members of the guild who have stepped up to help with the holiday party. It took a 30 minute planning session (thank you, Sue) and a couple of hours on Tuesday, December 13th! Thank you so much!

We hope to see you all there!



Greetings from, "Santa" Anne and her trusty Elves:
Sue Meyer, Sandra Sagan, Jeanette Marcus and
Shirley Witcher



WANTED

If you are a people person and want an easy peasy officer position then **President of the Bits 'n' Pieces Guild** is made for YOU! Your easy tasks are:

- ★ Establish monthly meeting agendas.
- ★ Preside over monthly and annual budget meetings.
- ★ Write monthly President Messages for the newsletter.
- ★ Pick up mail in the mail cubby at the church.
- ★ Set up meeting dates and guild events with church secretary.
- ★ Help with meeting take down.
- ★ Make sure lights are off and doors are locked after each meeting.
- ★ Talk, mix, help, answer questions and have fun.

If interested, please contact:

Nancy Peters (nancykpeters@sbcglobal.net 636-256-2559) or

Debra Kramer (debraak1@charter.net. 636-220-4177)

before November 22, 2016.

C'mon it's easy, it's a cushy job, and it's leader of a fun guild.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall happens to be my favorite time of year. I always feel a sense of "settling in" for some nice quilting.

Our recent program by Kevin the Quilter reinforced that we are givers along with being makers. We honored four veterans with gifted quilts from the Eastern Missouri Chapter of Quilts of Valor. Our guild member, Darlene Sforza, is very active in QOV. Please see her blog: darspatchworkgarden.blogspot.com. for the instructions for her latest QOV block drive. You can also follow Kevin the Quilter at kevinthequilter.blogspot.com. to get ideas for other quilt blocks for QOV as well.

Judy Humphrey coordinates the guild's contribution for Honor Flight Quilts for WW II veterans who go on the honor flights to Washington DC. Judy also provides lap size log cabin quilt kits which contain a lovely embroidered center piece, fabric for the log cabin surround, the backing, and the binding. So all you need to add is the batting. Easy!

Then look at what we contribute to our community service program, Cover Our Kids (COK)! Louise Morris, our COK Coordinator has done a tremendous job of organizing, processing, tracking, and promoting this great program. To date, we have over 300 quilts to cover and warm both young and old alike.

Our guild is indeed a very charitable group. But how did we get that way? It's simple actually...we are kind and good to one another. We mentor and guide new quilters. We are a compassionate support system when life gives us huge hurdles. We have people who are always willing to help with the work of the guild. And these volunteers, these many hands, make short work of significant projects.

So as the fall season progresses into the holidays, I look forward to less travel and more sitting with my family and my quilting. And this year my grand-daughters are going to finish their quilts...then just maybe I can get my sons to understand the therapy of fabric.

So be safe, be kind to all, and Happy Quilting.

You are all great!

Best to all,
Anne Perry, President

MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2016

President Anne Perry called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Anne Perry announced the newsletter deadline of 10/28/2016.

President Perry announced that the Christmas Party Committee has had an organizational meeting. She asked that all members bring three fat quarters and either cookies, vegetables, OR cheese to the December meeting. Christmas blocks will be awarded at the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 27, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chris Williams introduced program speaker Kevin Huffman. Kevin started his program by presenting four Quilts of Valor to United States veterans.

After a wonderful program, Nominating Committee chair Nancy Peters announced that Vice-President Chris Williams and Secretary Nancy Hopkins will serve as officers in 2017. Cindy Pfothauer has agreed to serve as Treasurer. As of end of meeting, no one had agreed to serve as President. All committee positions are filled as well as the 2018 Quilt Show Chair position.

Trisha Hill announced that all holiday blocks are due at the November 2016 meeting.

Cover Our Kids chairperson, Louise Morris, announced that the COK Challenge quilts are due at the November meeting.

After the break, Membership chairperson Candy Grisham, reported attendance of 129, three new members and many visitors. Three attendance prizes were awarded. She asked all members to fill out new membership forms which can be downloaded from the Bits website or picked up in the back of the room.

Candy announced a donation of \$90.00 to the guild from the sale of Lori Oltman's quilting supplies.

Many members participated in show and tell.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hopkins, Secretary



Special guest appearance by the infamous "Kevin's Hotties". Front: Nancy, Back: Zeynep, Kevin, Dar, and Phyllis (oops...not present at time of shooting - went to powder her nose) .

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Block of the Month: Mary Lou Melkowski

- There was a little confusion at the meeting about which was the correct block for October. The October block is Memory. It is available on the web site. If you received the block called Amish Star it is the November block. It is okay if you have made this block. You can check it in or wait until it is due. I am sorry for the confusion.

COK and More: Louise Morris

- October 22 was our last sew day and we had 8 attendees cutting out, piecing or quilting some very adorable kids quilts. I saw 4 quilt tops made from just one layer cake, amazing.
- Our guild is very creative and very productive! We have over 300 quilts on the books and of those, 250 are completed and either distributed or ready for distribution. The rest are either waiting for me to cut batting or backings and bindings or are in a quilter's home waiting to be worked on.

Library: Kay Merz

- Hopefully everyone was able to attend the October meeting and hear Kevin the Quilter's presentation and see his wonderful quilts and what can be done with a few scraps and some imagination. Perhaps Kevin gave you some ideas about what to do with all those scraps and/or renewed your interest in scrap quilting. Please remember your Guild Library has books available on scrap quilting that you might find helpful in getting rid of all those scraps.
- For those of you who want to get creative with landscape quilting, your Guild Library now has an iquilt DVD "Step by Step Quilted Landscapes" by Kathy McNeil. The iquilt DVD's are actual classes which can be purchased as an on line class or in DVD format. Kathy will show you how to choose a subject, select a photograph, edit the photo using her design secrets, explore the subject and plan the background, then add dimension to the scene. Kathy also covers rough and finished edge appliqué as well as hand and machine appliqué. A landscape pattern is included or you can use your own photo.
- Your Guild Library is a wonderful resource of books as well as DVDs, and fictional quilt related novels. Whatever your quilting interest, scrap quilting, 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.

Membership: Bernadette Delannay/Candy Grisham/Judy Humphrey

- At the October meeting there were 129 attendees and 2 new members, Jean Fomango and Elsie Meyers. This brings the total guild membership to 192.
- Membership renewal time is fast approaching and to avoid long lines and delays, we are changing the way members can join or renew their membership.
- The 2017 Membership Form is on our website under the Members Only tab and there will be copies at the November and December meetings at the Membership table. Either pick up a copy at a meeting or print it off the website, then complete it, and include your payment of \$25 (cash or check) in an envelope and drop it off at the Membership table, or mail the form and payment to: Bernadette Delannay, 101 Nathan Ridge Dr., Defiance, MO 63341.
- Completed membership forms and fees are due: **January 15.**
- **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 remaining 2016 programs 2016:
 - **NOV 25** - Cover Our Kids & More Annual Program
 - **DEC 13** - Bits Holiday Party
- I hope you all enjoyed Kevin the Quilter. Not only was his Quilt of Valor presentation touching, but his personal quilt history and trunk show were inspiring. It made us all take a new look at our scraps and realize the potential these bits and pieces of fabric have in making something from nothing!
- And WOHHOO HOTTIES! Ladies, you did a fabulous job of entertaining and adding your own "color" to Kevin's presentation and face...LOL! Your "talents" were most impressive.
- Most of us are not quite ready for 2017, but the speakers and programs for the Bits meetings have already

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been scheduled. I hope you'll agree that we have a great schedule for next year:

- **Jan 24:** Cindy Neville - "Tips on entering a prize-winning quilt in a show".
- **Feb 28:** Jan Ochterbeck - Trunk Show, "Cut & Shuffle Quilts".
- **Mar 28:** Toby Lischko - Trunk Show
 - Mar 29: Toby Lischko - Workshop
- **Apr 25:** Casey York - "Art Historical Inspiration For Quilters", and author of, "The Applique Book"
- **May 23:** Becky Goldsmith - National speaker.
- **June 27:** Salad Supper.
- **July 25:** To be determined (Note: meeting date may change due to Church activities). I have some ideas for our July meeting, but if there is a program or speaker you would like to have for this guild meeting, please let me know. You can talk to me at a meeting, send me an email or phone me!
- **Aug 22:** Susan Brubaker Knapp – National Speaker.
- **Sep 26:** Shelly Pagliai of Prairie Moon Quilts - "The Life of Hazel Ilene".
- **Oct 24:** Cindy Holten/Carol Lovelace - Guild Challenge Quilt Reveal.
- **Nov 28:** Louise Morris - Cover our Kids
- **Dec 12??:** Holiday Party

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, (*currently full, email me if you are interested in being put on the wait list*)
 - June 14 -17, add-on June 13
 - Sign-up by emailing me or seeing me at the 'RETREAT' table at our guild meetings. 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 are under no obligation to attend if offered a place.

- 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 informational documents.

Sunshine & Shadow: Linda Waugh

- Please stay healthy during this beautiful autumn season.
- Please contact me with any information for Sunshine and Shadow: Linda Waugh at lkampwaugh@charter.net or 314-909-8559.

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 photocopies**.
 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.

UFO: Peggy Anderson

- There are 27 members participating in the UFO competition this year.
- November will be the deadline for turning in 2016 UFOs. Be sure to include your quilt's dimensions. Prizes will be given out in January.

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Charity Sharity by Bonnie Brown

October was the last collection of donated items for Charity Sharity for this year. We shut down operations during December each year. We will start up again in January.

Some of you may have seen an article in *West NewsMagazine* in early October where Chesterfield's Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) recognized the environmental efforts of two organizations. Charity Sharity was one of those. In addition to the description of what Charity Sharity does, the article mentioned that Carole had recently "coordinated volunteers who made more than 325 reusable shopping bags from repurposed cloth...which were given away at the city's annual Earth Day event in April. The Charity Sharity network has also provided more than 175 'binkie' blankets and almost 2,000 comfort bears, which CCE has distributed to a number of agencies and entities involved in women and children's health and assistance efforts." These are just a few of the places that the donations you give make a difference. Thank you.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

November Birthdays

*Chris Williams
David Burney
Debbie Miles
Kathleen Cavaness
Katie Falch
Linda Waugh
Linda Wolfinger
Madelyn Kershner
Marilyn Stough
Nellie Mueller
Pam Middledorf
Sandy Sagan
Tracy Back*

December Birthdays

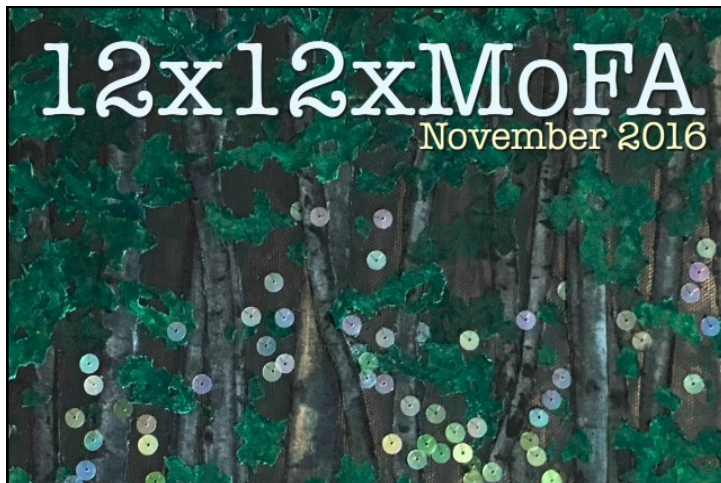
*Adele Niblack
Barbara Warner
Carolyn Hammett
Donna Tharp
Elise Reineck
Elizabeth Stewart
Louise Morris
Mona Howard
Nancy Peters
Nancy Rutkowski
Phyllis Nelson
Rita Nyhoff
Sarah Stevens
Susan Adams
Susan S. Calzone*

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Because of all of the holiday festivities just around the corner, there will not be a December issue of the newsletter. However, on or before January 6, I will need to have the results of the Block Exchange winners and a recap of the December Holiday Party, all lists of officers/chairs, programs, etc. that may have been updated prior to January, any updates from the quilt show committees (raffle quilt, tickets, display schedule, quilt show committee meetings, etc.), all information on the January program for the front page of the newsletter, and finally anything you would like to have in the January 2017 issue. Thanks so much for all your help with the newsletter by supplying your monthly reports and various information and for the kind words many of you have sent me.

- Cindy Holten



The **12x12xMoFA exhibit** will run November 4th - 26th at the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri (open Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm.) The exhibit's Opening Reception, Friday, November 4 - 5:00-9:00pm, takes place as part of First Friday with the Arts in the downtown area of Cape Girardeau.

- Candy Grisham




THE QUILTED FOX

New Kaffe Fassett Fabric

Now in Stock



More than 50 new bolts
just arrived.
Come see the selection!

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

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