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QUILT GUILD



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NOVEMBER 2015

Guild Program for November 24, 2015



Our vastly popular and far-reaching charitable community program, Cover Our Kids (COK), will be our featured presentation. And Judy Goedecker, a “Friend” of one of our beneficiary groups, Crisis Nursery St. Louis, will be giving us information about that organization.

Chris Williams, the program’s chairperson for the last two years, has made tremendous improvements to the program that have created more wide spread interest, excitement, and participation from members of all levels of quilting experience. And tonight she will have a slide show displaying all of those quilts that have been made from COK kits or donated to COK during this time.

Also while the slide show is running, Chris will acknowledge the guild members who have contributed to COK through the year...and there may be surprises for everyone!

And last, but certainly not least, although Chris will be stepping down from the COK Chair position, she is excited to introduce Louise Morris, the new COK Chair. Louise has many great ideas and plans for the 2016 program that she will share tonight. So please give Louise a very hearty and warm welcome.

We hope to see a “full house” at the November meeting...just maybe we’ll see YOUR quilt on the “big screen”! So let’s share some camaraderie and get inspired to participate in this great program.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

Greetings from Houston. This quilt show is fantastic...lots of ideas for classes and workshops by members.

While I was gone, I did receive emails that we have volunteers for our executive team, national speakers, and Christmas block. Nancy Peters will read the list of candidates at the November meeting.

However, there still are some open slots:

Challenge
Holiday party
Library
Salad supper

Candy Grisham and Wendy Richards will be chairing the National Speakers Committee, but we do need one or two volunteers to work with them. These volunteers can learn the process and then take over.

Workshops by members doesn't need a chairperson since it is coordinated by the president and members interested in teaching a workshop.

Thanks so much.

Anne Perry
President

*The best things in life are
quilted.*



*Just a little
something to
make you smile . . .*



**Bella Balloona Polenta de la
Luna**

Inspired by a young graphic artist, Kori Aileen Sheppard, her drawing of a surrealist elephant, Bella takes flight in the basket of her hot-air balloon. This quilt is the collaborative effort of two friends, Carol Lovelace, and Dorothy White, who bring Bella to life. Started and completed 2015. Employs machine appliqué, free-motion quilting, and embellishment. Designed reproduced with the artist's permis-



MEETING MINUTES

27 OCTOBER 2015

The October meeting of Bits and Pieces Quilt Guild was called to order by Vice President Linda Waugh at 6:59.

Minutes of the September meeting were accepted as written.

The September Treasurer's report was accepted by the membership.

Our "Quilter's Minute" was presented by Rosemary Hopkins. Linda introduced our speaker Jenice Belling. Jenice shared her journey from being a nurse to quilt shop owner and now pattern designer. She shared her wonderful trunk show with us. Her web site can be found at www.quiltedgarden.com.

Linda Waugh requested volunteers for the nominating committee as well as a volunteer for Vice President.

Chris Williams generously volunteered to be Vice President and Nancy Peters will serve as nominating chair to present the slate of officers to the membership.

Peggy Anderson will be our new UFO Chairperson.

Committees that still need chairman are: 2016 Guild Challenge, Holiday Party, Library, National Speakers, Salad Supper and Workshops by Members. Ask a quilt buddy to be your co-chair

and have some fun while giving back to the guild.

Nancy Peters, Quilt Chair, shared important information about our upcoming show. You may download your entry forms from the website.

Sarah Stevens, Publicity Chair, announced that flyers and bookmarks are available to place in quilt shops, share with other guilds, and give to family and friends.

Jan Oehrle, Charity Raffle Chair, requested donation of items for the raffle held during our show that benefits Honor Flight.

Debbie Ernst, Challenge Chair, requested that each challenge quilt submitted for the show include the inspiration page in the pillowcase.

Membership Laura Koury and Lisa Marsden reported that 86 Members and 9 guests were present at the meeting.

Laura and Lisa also announced that all Christmas blocks must be turned in no later than the meeting in November.

A ten minute break was taken.

Raffle Quilt Chair, Darla Gibson, announced that we have sold approximately \$3000 worth of tickets. Please sell your tickets and return them at our next meeting. To date, seventy eight members

have sold their tickets with top sellers tied at 144 tickets each. Remember there is a prize awarded each month to one of the sellers.

Candy Grisham, National Speakers Chair, announced that Eileen Urbanek, a certified Judy Niemeyer teacher, will be our national speaker at the March 2016 meeting. She will also conduct a two day workshop on March 22-23, fee for the workshop is \$75. Please let Candy know if you would like to take part in the workshop.

Chris Williams, Cover our Kids Chair, read thank you notes from Epworth Center, St Charles and South St Louis Crisis Nursery Centers. The November meeting will be dedicated to our COK program.

Debbie Miles, our Christmas Party Chair, reminded us that our party is on December 8th. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow quilters. Please bring one dozen cookies for the cookie buffet, three fat quarters of Christmas fabric, and donations for the Food Pantry. More information about the party can be found in the newsletter.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM. Show and Tell followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Sagan, Secretary



COMMITTEE REPORTS

COK and More: Chris Williams

- October was a busy month for the COK quilters. We received 21 quilts to add to our collection, bringing our total for the year to 193. What a generous group you are! Wouldn't it be great to make the total over 200 for the 2015 year? Keep COK in mind and when you get a minute, keep working on those COK quilts.
- Our November meeting will feature a speaker from one of our beneficiary groups – Crisis Nursery St. Louis. Judy Goedeker is a Crisis Nursery "Friend" and will be giving us information about that organization.
- In addition, there will be a slide show presentation of ALL of the quilts that have been donated to COK since January, 2014 – including the 2014 Challenge. I think you will all be impressed to see how beautiful and impressive these donation quilts are.
-and there may be surprises for everyone!
- Come join us for an evening of friendship before Thanksgiving. Looking forward to seeing everyone!
- Oh...one more thing...since there will be no house guests for the holidays this year, I'll have ample room for COK tems. So I **WILL** accept any donations through the December Holiday Party."

Challenge Quilt: Challenge Committee

For those who had quilts in the Challenge, please follow these guidelines when submitting your quilt in the quilt show:

Complete the Registration forms to turn in by Jan. 26.

1. Fill in the Fanfare of Quilts 2016 Registration Form as completely as possible, including attaching a photo of your Challenge quilt.
2. Check the box named "Number Challenge"
3. Fill in the short "story" for ID label with your inspiration story. What do you want others to know about your quilt and about your inspiration page. Why did you do what you did? Include any special techniques you used if there is space.
4. Sign entry form where needed.

Turning in your Challenge quilts for the quilt show

A quilt drop off person will be contacting you about collecting all of your quilts for the show, including your Challenge quilt. *Your inspiration page in its sleeve must be turned in too--just put it in the pillowcase along with your quilt.*

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can I still turn in a Challenge quilt for the show even though mine wasn't quite finished for our September Challenge meeting?

A: Yes, yes, yes!

Q: If my Challenge quilt needs special handling (no folding, etc.) when it is turned in for our show, what should I do?

A: Contact Debbie Ernst or another member of our Challenge Committee--they will help you make arrangements for quilt delivery.

Holiday Block Exchange: Lisa Marsden

- Don't forget to make your holiday block and turn it in at the NOVEMBER meeting. This will be your last chance to get in on the raffle to win your set of blocks!!
- You may add other fabrics and embellishments to make your block.
- The block you turn in should be 12 ½ x 12½.
- Be creative! Paper-piecing, Appliqué, and Embellishments are welcome!
- We sold 60 pieces of fabric and have already received 30 blocks back!!

Holiday Party: Jan Oehrle & Debbie Miles

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Library: Kay Merz

- Your guild has added the following books to the guild library.
 - "Strip Savvy" by Kate Henderson on 2 1/2 " Strip Quilting Designs. This book has lots of patterns for quilts with and without borders and wonderful ideas for using up all those leftover scraps. This is a great resource for Cover Our Kids quilts.
 - "Quilting Beauties Come in all Shapes & Sizes" by Karen Neary. This is a fresh look and creative take on the versatile New York Beauty block. Bold, high-contrast colors and unusual shapes take the already elevated drama of the New York Beauty to an even higher level. Full size patterns for nine quilts are included in the accompanying CD.
- A special thank you to Fran Collins who donated several wonderful quilting books to the library. Please stop by the library to check out these new additions.
- You can find these new books 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 86 people in attendance at the October meeting.
- To date, we have 168 members that have paid their 2015 Membership dues.
- Our attendance prizes were won by Jan Oehrle, Wendy Richards, and Francine Boilat. Congratulations and



COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

we hope you enjoy them! THANK YOU to Jenice Belling for donating a beautiful kit!

- 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

Programs for 2015 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- **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

- Fanfare of Quilts 2016 is rapidly approaching. So before the holiday season arrives and quilting moves to the back burner, there are a few items that I'd like you all to take care of:
 - 1) Contact Sarah Stevens if you forgot to pick up bookmarks and flyers to deliver to quilt shops and other quilt guilds (or shows).
 - 2) I need more Drop off Volunteers. I had 29 for the last show and so far only 13 have signed up.
 - 3) Keep your "Number" Challenge inspiration page to turn in with your quilt. If you have a tendency to "lose" things, please turn in your sheet ASAP to either Debbie Ernst or Nancy Peters.
 - 4) If you have a Barn Quilt that we can use for the quilt show, please email me.
 - 5) Our goal is always to have every member represented at the show. Don't be afraid to enter! This is a Guild show not the AQS Paducah show!
 - 6) Whether or not you have a quilt in the show, everyone is expected to work the show. Hopefully, either set up and/or take down PLUS at least, one shift during the show. Chris Williams, our Volunteer Chairperson, will have the sign up schedule by January.

- Thanks so very much for all your co-operation for our 10th Fanfare of Quilts show.

Raffle Quilt: Ginny Rainey

- "Blue Confetti" Display Locations:
 - No scheduled displays.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Darla Gibson

- Raffle quilt ticket sales have been brisk and we have taken in almost \$3,000 for the raffle quilt! At our Oct. 27 meeting, several members turned in their tickets and are now eligible for the next drawing to take place after the November meeting. To be in the drawing for a \$20 gift card for selling tickets, get your tickets turned in by the November guild meeting!
- The quilt show is approaching, so ticket sales will be easy since the drawing is close! Don't forget to sell tickets to your friends and relatives over the holidays, it's a perfect time to have the picture and tickets on the coffee table! You can also buy some as gifts for your favorite nieces and nephews or your mailman, your child's (or grandchild's) teacher, maybe your best friend! What a great surprise if they win – add one with a lottery ticket in every Christmas Card!
- If you need additional tickets, we will have them available at the guild meeting. If you run out of tickets, collect the money, get the person's name and phone number and write it on the tickets at the guild meeting. There are always solutions!

Charity Ticket Raffle: Jan Oehrle/Debbie Miles

*There are still about four months left yet
To do something nice for a vet:
With all your donations
We'll cause some sensations
With this worthy fundraiser, you bet!*

- Items donated for the Charity Raffle at the quilt show in March will raise money for the Honor Flight program. We hope to send as many veterans as we can for a day trip to visit the war memorials in Washington, D.C. It means a great deal to them and is an awesome way that we can show our appreciation for their service to our country.
- Jan Oehrle and Debbie Miles stand ready to receive your gifts. Just imagine anything a quilter might like to have, and there's your list of possible donations! Be imaginative! Small gifts are certainly welcome; if we gather a few tools, for example, we could put together a nice basket to raffle. If you have any questions, just contact Jan or Debbie. Please be generous!

*** Fanfare of Quilts 2016 ***



Retreats

Toddhall (Columbia, IL): Susan Calzone

- Each year our guild hosts two multi day/night retreats at Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center in nearby Columbia, Illinois. Attendees work on whatever they want at their own pace. Besides sewing, everyone has fun sharing, learning, showing, and telling. There is a good deal of chocolate and snacking as well! It makes for a great relaxed vacation doing what we love—quilting!
- Retreat Schedule:
 - **January 20 – 24, 2016**
 - **June 8 – 12, 2016**
- Additional information can be found on our website and at our yahoo group site or you may email or phone me if you have any questions or are interested in attending a retreat. Thank-you.

One-Day Retreat: Darla Gibson

- Unfortunately, we had a death in the family and could not attend the last one-day retreat. From what I heard it was fun and productive, but of course, what happens at retreat, stays at retreat! So, you don't get to hear all the good stuff unless you attend!
- I plan to schedule another retreat in the January time frame. Keep a look out for more information in the newsletter. I'll do my best to set a date by the November guild meeting so I can make the announcement. It will be a great day of sewing and relaxing after the busy-ness of the holidays!
- Thanks to the one-day retreaters who carried on without us!

Sunshine & Shadow: Cindy Holten

- Carol Wynn - Had surgery.
- Barb Warner - Has been ill and her husband was diagnosed with cancer.
- Shirley Handlang - Her husband was rushed to the ER.
- Laurie Schrader - Is a **First-time Grandma!** Her little granddaughter, Elliana Kristine, and mommy are doing fine.
- Darla Gibson - Her aunt passed away.
- Bernice Dodge - Her sister passed away.
- The following guild members' art pieces have been accepted and/or are award winners in the Quintessential Quilt Show in University City:
 - Carol Lovelace won 2nd place in the Pictorial Wall Quilt category for her magnificent entry, "Tiger".
 - DJ White had the darling, "Bella Balloona Polenta de la Luna", a surrealist elephant, in-

spired by a young graphic artist, Kori Aileen Sheppard.

- Polly King, Her quilt, "Unique Neighborhood" was accepted.
- Cindy Neville had a piece accepted as well.
- In the Quilt in the Square show: Sherry Mueller and Barbara Warner have pieces in the exhibit in the cases with items from the Crazy Quilt Club.
- Barb Warner received an Honorable Mention award from Keepsake Quilting for her entry in their Holiday Redwork Challenge.

Please show your support for these members with your thoughts and prayers, a card, or call.

Treasurer's Report: Jean Weber

- 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.
- 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.

Workshops by National Speakers: Wendy Richards

- **MAR 22-23** Eileen Urbanek, a certified Judy Niemeyer teacher, will be our national speaker at the March 2016 meeting and will conduct a two day workshop on March 22-23.
- **MAY 24-25, 2017** Becky Goldsmith will lecture at our May 2016 meeting and conduct a 2-day workshop on May 24 & 25.

UFOs: Bernice Dodge and Peggy Anderson

- **LAST CALL!** November will be the deadline for turning in 2015 UFO's. Prizes will be given out in January.



There will be no Charity Sharity pick ups at the November/December meetings.



This will be the last newsletter issued for 2015.

HOWEVER...AFTER the November meeting, you will still be requested to submit your reports, announcements, etc.

The next newsletter issue will be January 2016. This issue will not only include those items submitted after the November meeting, but also a list of the 2016 Officers and Chairpersons.

Thanks very much to those of you who have helped me make this newsletter a fun-to-do and an informational resource. And...thank you for your compliments and kind comments several of you have made about the newsletter...they are very much appreciated.

I wish you all the happiest of holidays and a great new year filled with all good things.

Your Editor,
Cindy Holten



November

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

December

Barbara Warner
Carol Wynn
Carolyn Hammett
Donna Tharp
Elizabeth Stewart
Louise Morris
Melissa Miller
Mona Howard
Nancy Naumann
Nancy Peters
Nancy Rutkowski
Phyllis Nelson
Rita Nyhoff
Sarah Stevens
Susan S. Calzone

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The Holiday Party Is on the Horizon. . .

And, as always, it will be fun, festive and a great start to the holiday season with your quilting friends.

All you need to do is be there on December 8th, 6:30 p.m. with one dozen cookies, three fat quarters, preferably of the Christmas fabric variety and holiday show and tell items, i.e. Christmas quilts and/or quick and easy gift ideas. Drinks, plates, napkins and etc. will be provided.

There will be games, prizes and WATCH OUT!!!~~~~THE Multitalented Debbie is up to something. . .

Will she read one of her famous poems? Will she tell one of her stories??? Will she sing a song??? Will she tap dance??? Are there acrobatics in her repertoire? Hmmm...could be any one or all of the above . . . only the wizard and maybe Santa knows for sure! Whatever special tidbit she has planned will be entertaining!!!

IMPORTANT NOTE: The three fat quarters will be used as your ante in one of the games we will play so it is important that you bring those with you. There won't be any extras and you definitely won't want to miss out on that game. It will be fun, fun, fun and you could win big!



Any questions. . . contact Jan Oehrle or Debbie Miles. See you on Dec. 8th with jingle bells on!

THE QUILTED FOX

Huge Savings on Elna Sewing Machines

We have some truly fabulous deals on Elna sewing machines! The Quilted Fox is no longer an Elna dealer but we still have a very few brand new and floor model sewing machines in stock. These are priced to sell! We do want you to know that we will fully stand behind any machine we sell. Service is available and you will get as many lessons as you need to learn your new machine! Don't miss this opportunity for a truly great deal!

Machines available: (As we go to print, these are available but are subject to prior sale.)

New in the box-

720-- Originally \$2499--Now only \$1599

760--Originally \$4999--Now only \$3099

Floor Samples--

540-- Originally \$799--Now only \$529 (Great machine for retreats & classes)

760--Originally \$4999--Now only \$2999



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

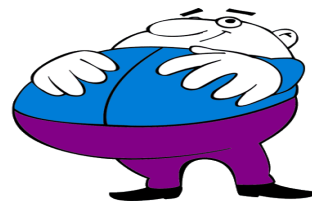
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We have the opportunity to do a back stage tour at the Peabody in conjunction with Quilt National. The tour takes 45 minutes and then you can go see Quilt National. Please let me know via my email if you are interested in going.

We have set up November 21st, starting at noon.

Candy

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part.