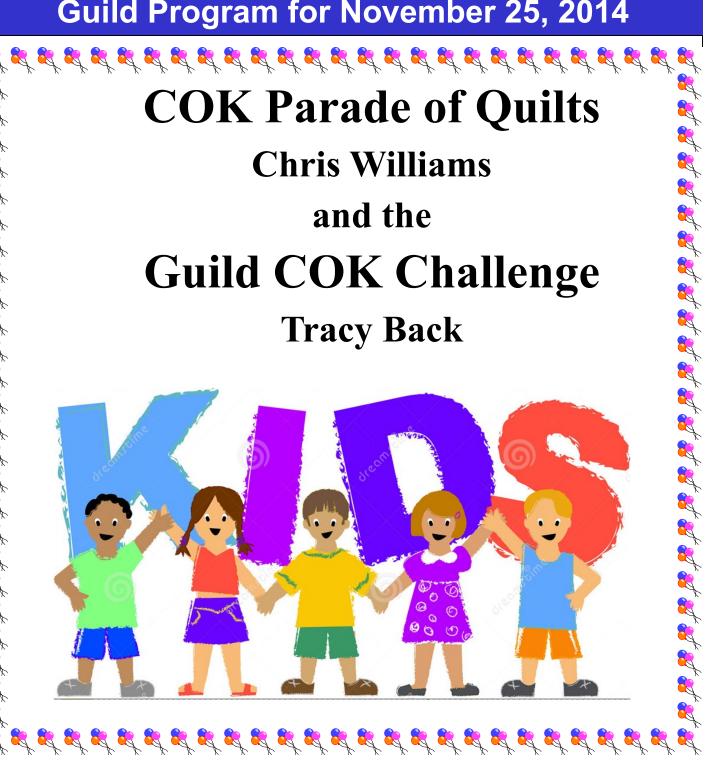


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**NOVEMBER 2014** 

### Guild Program for November 25, 2014



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We had another excellent panel at our meeting, "Finding Your Quilting Voice", with Marilyn Fallert, Carol Lovelace, and Mary Lou Melkowski, giving their very different process of finding their voice.

Have you given any thought to finding your quilting voice? If you not, stop and give it some thoughts...you might surprise yourself.

The nominating committee, Jan Oehrle, Debbie Mills, and Louise Morris, announced the candidates for our upcoming election next month. For President, the nominee is Anne Perry and for Treasurer, the nominee is Jean Weber. Voting will take place at the November meeting.

Also included in the November meeting program is the much awaited for Guild Challenge and the COK Parade of Quilts. If you haven't finished your challenge quilt, you'll have four weeks. So get on it!

Judy Humphrey, President

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Our 2010 Challenge Bras are now at Jacoby Art Center in Alton, Illinois. The title of the exhibit is "Bras on Broadway". The Bras will be displayed from October 31 thru November 22. The bras were donated to the Art Center.

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The Center will either keep some for next year or will auction some off at their Gala on November 22. The Jacoby Art Center is located at 627 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois.

Judy Humphrey

Mark your calendars...you won't want to miss this!

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### 28 October 2014

President Judy Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7pm.

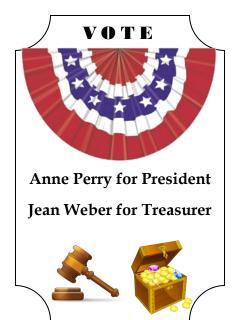
- Show and Tell, including some quilts for Honor Flight, was presented by quild members.
- Fran Collins presented the Quilters' Minute.
- Jan Oehrle (Nominating Committee) reported that the slate of officers includes Anne Perry for President and Jean Weber for Treasurer. Voting will take place at the November guild meeting.
- Judy stated that Kids Challenge quilts will be presented at the November meeting. Chris Williams (COK & More) requested that the guilts be completed by the November meeting. Any COK & More quilts brought to the December meeting will be taken home by a guild member and held for Chris until the January guild meeting. Chris also announced that, as of tonight, the count for the year is 190 guilts with more being turned in.
- Mona Howard (Holiday Blocks) showed some of the blocks being turned in. She asked members to purchase remaining fabric and reminded everyone that the deadline for turning in blocks is the November guild meeting. She said she may decide to place some blocks in smaller sets to make, for example, pillows.
- Louise Morris (Holiday Party) reminded everyone attending the party on Tuesday, December 9th at 7pm, to wear a holiday sweater (ugly/ funny or not), to bring a dozen cookies, to bring a fat quarter of fabric (does not have to be holiday fabric),

and to bring a canned food item (our donation to the church to donate to Circle of Concern). She also asked members to bring a holiday-related show and tell, e.g. something knitted, crocheted, an ornament, or anything else that shows off your holiday memories.

- Susan Calzone (Retreat) shared that the retreat is full, but members can be on a wait list. Emails about remaining payments due will be sent out in the next few weeks.
- Mary Lou Melkowski (UFOs) reminded everyone that UFOs to be counted this year are due by the November meeting. Prizes will be awarded at the January 2015 meeting.
- Program: Finding Your Quilt Voice by Marilyn Fallert, Carol Lovelace, and Mary Lou Melkowski.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Richards for Sandy Sagan, Secretary



#### **HONOR FLIGHT**

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Please remember the ☆ Honor Flight quilts. \* Although these small ☆ quilts are not due until ☆ the March 2015 meet-☆ ing, please help the ☆ guild give 100% to  $^{\star}$ these men and women 🖈 who gave so much for ☆ ☆ us.

#### **RULES**

- ☆ 36" x 36" (Slightly larger is okay)
- Patriotic Colors
- Washed when finished

#### **PRIZES**

- To the First to turn in a quilt.
- To Everyone who makes a quilt will get their name in a drawing at the March 2015 meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **AQS: Marian Collins**

No updates at this time.

#### Christmas Block Exchange: Mona Howard

- The deadline for turning in blocks is the November guild meeting.
- In order to "spread the winnings", I may decide to place some blocks in smaller sets to make pillows, for example.

#### **COK and More: Chris Williams**

- Wow! What a productive month! Another 36 quilts were delivered to COK for distribution 8 quilts from kits and 28 from donations. We are up to a total of <u>226</u> quilts for the year!
- Our November meeting is the month for the challenge quilts and I am excited to see all of the quilts that our members have been busy working on. Just a reminder: Please be sure to check those bindings and the quilting...we don't want little fingers and toes finding gaps, or loose threads, or places to snag or unravel all your hard work.
- I'm hoping to have a Review of the Year for COK as well as perhaps a guest speaker next year. Plans are still in process.
- Thank you all for your generosity to COK. I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting. COK has much to be thankful for.

#### **Holiday Party: Louise Morris**

Reminder to the Party Attendees:

- The Holiday party will be Tuesday, December 9, at 7 pm
- Wear a holiday sweater (ugly/funny or not)
- Bring a dozen cookies
- Bring a fat quarter of fabric (does not have to be holiday fabric)
- Bring a canned food item (our donation to the church to donate to Circle of Concern)
- Bring a holiday-related show and tell (e.g. something knitted, crocheted, an ornament, or anything else that shows off your holiday memories.

#### **Library: Phyllis Nelson**

- It is fall and time to be thinking about winter projects. Visit our library for new ideas and skills.
- Our "Library", which is in the cabinet in the class room where the door is open and the lights are on, is a great resource.
- 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 Cheryl Cobert and Pat Hull.
   Congratulations and we hope you enjoy them!
- We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to In-Stitches and Jackman's for donating gift certificates for our attendance prizes!!
- To date, we have 165 members that have paid their 2014 Membership dues.
- We had 84 people in attendance at the October meeting.
- We had 2 guests attend our meeting and one new member.
   Please welcome Diane Brown!

- 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 pacemaker!
- 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 Groups

- <u>Scraps—Ivy Osborn</u>: To all members who attend Scraps group
  regularly or on occasion: On Monday, Nov. 10, we will not be sewing but will be sorting all of our fabric, getting rid of what won't be
  used, and making plans for quilts to be started in 2015. So for
  those of you who like to "feel fabric", this would be a good workday for you to attend.
- Although you don't need to bring any sewing supplies, you might want to bring a rotary cutter and mat and some rulers just in case we do some cutting.
- Since we usually take a break in December and get together for lunch somewhere, plans for our December 8 meeting will be announced in November.
- If you have questions, contact Ivy Osborn at 636-284-7660 or sewivy@att.net. Thank you.

#### Programs for 2014 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- 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 - The Top Story—to be continued.

#### Retreats at Toddhall: Susan Calzone

- 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.
- Those signed up for the January retreat will be emailed in early November to confirm their retreat days/nights and preferences. A final itemized bill will be emailed to each retreater. Retreat balances are due on or before the December 9<sup>th</sup> guild meeting, in person or mailed to Susan.
- Have you been wondering about the guild's retreats? Detailed information can be found on our website at bitsnpiecesguild.com or our yahoo groups site at bitsquilts@yahoogroups.com. Members work at their own pace on projects of their choice, easy to difficult, in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

January  $21^{st}$   $-25^{th}$ , June  $3^{rd}$   $-7^{th}$ , January  $20^{th}$   $-24^{th}$ , June  $8^{th}$   $-12^{th}$ ,

 If you have questions feel free to contact me or Anne. Susan Calzone at sesnowzone@charter.net and Anne Perry at anne perry@sbcglobal.net

#### Sunshine & Shadow: Peggy Wright

- <u>David Burney:</u> Recently loss his wife to cancer.
- Reba Smedshammer: Her father passed away last month.

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

#### Treasurer's Report: Chris Wiley

- Please turn in all your receipts and Reimbursement/Income forms to me by the December meeting.
- 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 last day to show finished UFOs is the Nov. meeting.
- There will be no regular Show & Tell at the Dec. meeting.
- Awards will be given out at the January meeting.



#### **CHARITY SHARITY**

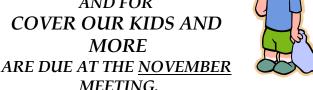
The October meeting was the last Charity Sharity collection for this year, as I am scheduled to babysit the day of the November meeting and Charity Sharity shuts down for the month of December.

As always, your contributions are truly appreciated and distributed to those who make good use of them, in this community and beyond.

We have estimated that we collect 10 to 15 tons of fabric, yarn and sewing notions a year now. It is all distributed and as quickly as possible--we have to make room for the next donation! Thank you for your generosity in this ongoing project.

Bonnie Brown

# ALL FINISHED QUILTS FOR THE GUILD CHALLENGE AND FOR COVER OUR KIDS AND MORE



There will be no December Newsletter issued, HOWEVER, submissions for the January 2015 issue will be

due on (or before, I hope I hope I hope) Saturday, January

3, 2015. These should include the year end reports from all the Committees, Minutes from the November meeting, the old/

new President's Message, 2015 Mini Group schedules, and a 2015 List of Officers and Chairs. Thank you so much for all your help.

Wishing you all a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Cindy Holten, Editor





Wednesday, November 12 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Find out what Louise saw and ordered at Ouilt Market.

Take a tour with Louise and learn the secrets of the Quilted Fox shelving system. **Refreshments!** 

Attendance Prizes!

#### 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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