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NOVEMBER 2017

Guild Meeting NOVEMBER 28, 2017

Celebration of Quilts

Louise Morris, COK Coordinator

The Holidays are right around the corner and Cover Our Kids is kicking off the holiday season with our annual Celebration of Quilts. A slide show will highlight all of the cleverly designed and beautifully quilted quilts made for Cover Our Kids from our sew days and from donations of our members and friends of members of the guild.

SHARE WIRT YOU CAN!

Cindi Miller, director of Circle of Concern, a thriving food pantry in Valley Park, will be our featured guest and will explain how the organization goes way beyond the food pantry to reach families in need throughout the area with counseling and other services.

We will also have a show and tell of selected quilts that will be featured at our 2018 show in Queeny Park and will, of course, honor those members who have given so much of their time and talent to produce the hundreds of quilts delivered to area hospitals and other organizations.

And you will get to meet our new Cover Our Kids chairs: Penny Edinger, Phyllis Bednarek and Mary Ann Barr. This trio of talent will bring new ideas, new energy and great leadership! We will also welcome any quilts brought in for COK in November and encourage you to show them during show and tell. I hope you can come and witness the impact this committee has had on our community.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ow that the days are getting shorter and cooler, I find myself being more inclined to sit and sew or quilt. A change to cooler weather also means it's almost time for the Houston Quilt Festival. Many members look forward to taking classes and seeing the show. It's also a marvelous place to shop for all the latest trends in quilting.

I would like to thank Cindy Holten for providing us with a great guild Challenge! It was obvious that a lot of thought and planning went into the preparations for this program! Fifteen members participated this year. Each entry was charming and unique! I was delighted to hear that many tried new techniques and expanded their abilities to create these guilts.

Our past president, Anne Perry, said it best, "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. 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 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."

In November we will be holding an election. Please consider being a part of our leadership!

Enjoy the cool weather and beautiful Fall color!

Best regards, Peggy Anderson, President

MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2017

President Peggy Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 22, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

President Anderson announced that the newsletter deadline is October 27, 2017 at 5pm.

Darla Gibson announced there will be a one-day retreat on October 28, 2017 at the Henry Road fire station. Registration is \$10.00 which will include lunch.

President Anderson announced that Nancy Stratte and Kathy Chitwood will chair the nominating committee and will be calling members to fill the positions of Vice-President and Secretary for the coming year.

President Anderson announced that Cover Our Kids will be chaired by Penny Edinger, Mary Ann Barr and Phyllis Bednarek in 2018.

Vice-President Chris Williams announced there are approximately forty raffle ticket envelopes left. Any envelopes not picked up will be mailed. The guild will be selling raffle tickets at Jackman's November 2,3,4 and 5. Volunteers will be needed and sign up Genius will be sent to all members.

Retreat chairperson, Susan Calzone announced that the January retreat is full, but a wait list is available.

Holiday Block Exchange chairperson, Mona Howard announced that approximately twenty blocks were turned in tonight and fabric is still available. Members don't have to be present for the drawing in December.

Cindy Holten presented the program and guild challenge "Get Your Mojo - Show Our Logo". for the evening. Members voted for their favorite quilt and cash awards and ribbons were awarded as follows: 1st place Mary Lou Melkowski, 2nd place Margie Whitehead and 3rd place Judy Vogt.

Louise Morris, Cover Our Kids chairperson, announced that there are quilts on the back table that need to be quilted and are due February 2018. Next month's guild meeting will include a slide show and speaker.

Quilt Show chairperson, Joyce Zepp, asked that quilt show registration forms be turned in by the January 2018 meeting. Penny Edinger is taking donations for the charity raffle.

Membership co-chair Judy Humphrey announced that 94 members were in attendance. Three attendance prizes were awarded.

Many members participated in Show and Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

GUILD CHALLENGE REVEAL

here were fifteen fabulous guild challenge quilts displayed at the October Challenge Reveal! Each quilt was a unique work of art in their use of color, shape, technique, and medium.

The three awards/ribbons went to:

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1st Place: "Barn Quilt" by Mary Lou Melkowski; 2nd Place: "Colorwheel Wishes" by Margie Whitehead;

3rd Place: "Enjoy the Ride" by Judy Vogt.

Although only three ribbons were awarded, all quilts were winners.

Thank you all for your participation and help in making this program a success.

- Cindy Holten



FIRST PLACE Barn Quilt By Mary Lou Melkowski



THIRD PLACE **Enjoy** the Ride Judy Vogt



SECOND PLACE **Colorwheel Wishes** By Margie Whitehead ****



AWARD RIBBONS By Carol Lovelace

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COK and More: Louise Morris

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Holiday Block Exchange: Mona Howard

- Over 25 blocks were turned in at the October meeting.
- And there's still time to get two chances in the drawing if your blocks are delivered to me by mail or in person in the month of October.
- The final due date of all holiday blocks is at our November meeting.
- The drawings will be at the December holiday party on the 12th. If your name is drawn, but you are not present, you will still get a set but you just will miss choosing your favorite set.

Library: Kay Merz

- Hopefully you were able to attend our October guild meeting and enjoy all the creative quilts from the logo challenge. Our members have such wonderful creativity!
- Have you ever finished a quilting project only to then ask yourself the guestion "now how do I guilt it"? If you are sometimes looking for help in this area, you just may be interested in the new DVD your guild library has purchased from Craftsy. This DVD contains the same material found in the actual class offered by Craftsy and is titled "Help! How Do I Quilt It", by machine quilting pro, Angela Walters. Angela will reveal must have techniques for selecting and stitching designs that enhance a variety of quilt tops from appliqué and paper pieced to medallion and sample guilts. You will discover the questions that should always guide your quilting design decisions and learn easy auditioning methods as you learn to unify blocks, showcase motifs, breakup borders and much more. Are you ready to add stunning texture and movement to your quilt? Be sure to check out this new DVD.
- Your Guild Library is a wonderful resource of books as well as DVDs, and fictional quilt related novels. Whatever your quilting interest, 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.

 Happy Quilting! May your quilting projects tell the story, express the joy, be made with love, and be cherished when received.

<u>Membership: Bernadette Delannay/Candy Grisham/</u> Judy Humphrey

- Please complete the membership form (attached and on the website) and bring to October, November or December meetings along with your check for \$25 made to Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild.
- Even if nothing has changed with your information, please complete the form and drop into the box at the membership table. Doing this ahead of time will really ease the congestion in January.
- IF YOU WANT TO WIN A MEMBERSHIP ATTEN-DANCE PRIZE YOU MUST WEAR YOUR NAME-TAG.
- 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

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

Newsletter—January 2018: Cindy Holten

- Happy Holidays of All Sorts to All of You!
- Over the next few months most of us will be beyond busy gift shopping, baking, cooking, cleaning, entertaining, gift wrapping, visiting, traveling and possibly even quilting a stitch or two.
- Then after all the holiday joy slowly becomes a sweet memory, it will be time to gear up for the quilt show and for the January 2018 issue of the newsletter.
- There will be many new committee and leadership faces all trying to learn their respective tasks and in-

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- corporate their own methods and improvements...Welcome.
- So with all that said, I want to remind everyone that the November 2017 issue is the last one issued for this year...BUT...I will still need your 2017 year end committee reports, first reports of new committee chairs, sunshine and shadow reports, leadership reports, quilt show reports, January program, etc. by Friday, January 5, 2018.

Programs for 2017 Guild Meetings: Chris Williams

- Nov 28: Cover our Kids Louise Morris
- Dec 12: Holiday Party Sue Meyer, Coordinator.

Quilt Show 2018

QS18 Updates: Joyce Zepp, Coordinator

- THE QUILT SHOW IS LESS THAN FIVE MONTHS AWAY!!!! But there is still time to make a quilt to include in our show (or enter an older quilt that has not been previously shown). I would LOVE to have a quilt entered in the show by every member of the guild.
- While you're deciding what quilt to make, why not whip up something for our charity raffle? A placemat/ napkin set, a purse, a table runner. Let your creative juices flow! The funds from the raffle will go to the Missouri Veterans Endeavor, and we would really like to present them with a substantial amount.
- If you are ready to submit an entry and did not receive the form at the guild meeting, it can be found online.
 Look under the Quilt Show 2018 tab. Go to Members Quilt Show Info, and scroll down to the Registration Form 2018 toward the bottom left. When you print the registration and release, remember that they must be two sides of one piece of paper.
- Future meetings of the Quilt Committee are as follows:
 - <u>NOV 11</u>: <u>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE</u> 9:30 at Joyce Zepp's house, 1621 Centenary Court, Valley Park, phone 314-593-6283.
 - DEC 12: 5:30 at Salem Church
 - **JAN 13**: 9:30 at West County Fire Dept
 - JAN 23: 5:30 at Salem Church
 - FEB 10: 9:30 at West County Fire Dept
 - FEB 24: 9:30 at West County Fire Dept

QS18 Charity Raffle: Penny Edinger

- Items are still being accepted for the charity raffle. Please contact me with any questions or for pick up.
- We'll accept just about anything as long as it is finished, new, or gently used. Small items will be put with others to make a basket for the raffle. Also notions that can be included in a basket w/ fat quarters
- Ideas for charity raffle donations are: all finished quilts, any size, wall hangings, table toppers or runners, tote bags, placemats, trivets, mug rug / coaster sets, casserole carriers, etc.
- I have also received a guilt rack and a hanging shelf.
- If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with the raffle, please contact Penny at 636 778 -0536, cell 702 595-6241 or email: jandpedinger@charter.net.

QS18 Raffle Quilt: Chris Williams

- As stated in the Minutes, all raffle quilt envelopes not picked up will be mailed.
- The raffle quilt tickets will be sold at Jackman's November 2,3,4 and 5. Volunteers will be needed and sign up Genius will be sent to all members.

Retreats

- Retreats at Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center, Columbia Illinois
 - Susan Calzone, Coordinator January and June retreats - sesnowzone@charter.net
 - Laurie Schrader, Coordinator Weekend retreat laurieaschrader@gmail.com
 - Our guild offers several retreats at Toddhall in nearby Columbia, IL. for our members. Attendees work at their own pace on projects of their choice, easy to difficult. It's a great time to ask for advice on a project, help others, and see various techniques and tools in use first hand. We share and learn from one another and have lots of laughs and snacks along the way. Try one of our retreats and see what you think of the experience.
 - CURRENT 2018 RETREAT RESERVATIONS
 THE 4-DAY PLUS RETREAT
 - January 17-20 2018, add-on day January 16.
 FULL, sign-ups closed, wait-list started.

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- In the event of a cancellation wait-listed members will be offered a place in order of sign-up.
- June 13-16 2018, add-on day June 12
- The estimated price for the 4-Day Plus retreats range from \$150 to \$370 depending on attendance and retreat options.
- THE WEEKEND RETREAT, or We-Treat, as it's been called
- TBD When reservations are secured the dates will be posted in the newsletter, on the website, and announced at our guild meeting and sign-ups can begin.
- This retreat is ideal for those members who are looking for a smaller commitment of time and /or money, or are only available on weekends. A 'first rights of refusal 'policy applies so members who have attended both the January and June retreat desiring to participate will be put on a wait list so others have a chance to attend. At a reasonable cut-off date 'waiting' members can be signed up if there is space available.
- The estimated price for the We-Treat ranges from \$135 to \$200 depending on attendance and retreat options.
- For any of the retreats, if you are unsure, or a retreat is full, you can be put you on a wait list and contacted closer to the retreat or in the event of a cancellation.
- For detailed information on the location, bedrooms, sewing area, meals, cancellations, refunds, and packing see our website under *Guild Activities, Retreats* where you will find two informational documents.

Sunshine & Shadow: Linda Waugh

- We have a list of Sunshine and Shadow this month, so please support our members below with a card or phone call or email. I have heard from several members that the cards are GREATLY appreciated.
 - Mary Miller's father died October 23. He was 99 years young.
 Mary Miller: 1597 Carman Valley Drive, Manchester, MO 63021, Marya1597@gmail.com, 636-227-7829
 - Candy Grisham broke a bone in her foot and will be wearing a boot for awhile Candy Grisham: 3 Woodbine Court, Washington, MO 63090, Candy-

- ce54@gmail.com, 314-540-0780
- Mona Howard and Edie Cornell-Smith are celebrating 5 years cancer free. Yehhh!!
 Mona Howard: 15084 Green Circle Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017, Monahoward@aol.com,314-609-5751
- Edie Cornell-Smith: 12802 Hasbrook Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63146, Rosequilt@charter.net, 314-518 -8013
- Anne Perry, our past president, was recognized by SIUE School of Nursing as she is a highly recognized and esteemed nursing clinician, educator and author and co-author of textbooks and references of nursing fundamental and clinical skills. She has received numerous awards throughout her career.
- Anne Perry: 1605 Carman Valley Drive, Manchester, MO 63021, Anne_perry@sbcglobal.net, 314-922-5965
- Maribell Knickerbocker, a former member of our guild, died in early October. She loved to quilt and had a beautiful smile. Our Guild sent a sympathy card to her family.
- Bonnie Brown continues to receive chemotherapy treatments. She enjoys receiving cards from our members. Let's continue to support Bonnie with showers of healthful wishes through cards and emails.
 - Bonnie Brown: 622 Old State Place Drive, Wildwood, MO 63038, <u>Bnnleebrown@gmail.com</u>, 636-346-5997
- Judy Hoffman Continues to receive chemotherapy treatments. She has enjoyed receiving cards and emails from our members so let's continue to send our thoughts and healing words through cards and emails to Judy.
 - Judy Hoffman: 590 McBride Pointe Drive, Wildwood, MO 63011, <u>Judyhof@aol.com</u>, 636-288-5104
- Please call or email me with Sunshine and Shadow news. It's so comforting and supportive to receive cards and emails when we are experiencing both difficult and good times. Let's be kind to those who need us. Thank you, Linda Waugh, <u>Lkamp-</u> waugh@charter.net, 314-909-8559

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Treasurer's Report: Cindy Pfotenhauer

 Should you have any questions about reimbursement/ income forms and/or procedures, please contact Cindy Pfotenhauer at cindypfot@gmail.com, or my cell 949-413-6473.

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CHARITY SHARITY

Carol Spindler will be picking up for Charity Sharity at the October, and November Bits meetings since Bonnie Brown is having health problems.

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IT 'S HOLIDAY PARTY TIME . . . ALMOST

Come join the fun, food, and festivities at our annual holiday party on
December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING

Yummies To Share

Cookies, cookie bars, fruit, veggies, cheese or whatever you want as long as it can be served with toothpicks, forks or spoons

Game Markers

Buttons, pennies, etc. for rousing Games of Quilto

Donations

Non-perishable items for the church food bank

 Diapers and baby wipes for the diaper bank to help low income families www.stldiaperbank.org

What To Wear

- Festive holiday clothing
- Your name tag

Fun Events and Prizes

- Christmas Blocks will be awarded.
- Quilto prizes will be won.

So mark your calendar for Dec. 12. This is one Holiday Party you don't want to miss.

Sue Meyer, Coordinator - 636-517-1280



THEQUILTEDFOX

The Fox Meets Monet!
We are now taking registrations for the 2017/2018
Block-Of-the Month. Sign up for either the 1st Saturday or 3rd Saturday. Call for details at 314-993-1181. Starts in November!





Are you a fan of the Outlander show?

The Outlander Quilt Kit is here! Our kit includes seven beautifully coordinated fabrics to create this time traveling masterpiece. Fabric is included for the center medallion, borders and binding. 54" x 72"



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

