

Guild Meeting FEBRUARY 27, 2018



Lola Jenkins
presents

Ms. Bubble Buster

Her lecture is called "Ms. Bubble Buster". Lola takes you on a journey of her quilting career. Her lecture/trunk show is a hilarious account of tools and techniques of the trade that she uses in the most unusual ways. She keeps the audience's attention with her personality, talent, and stories. It is one of those programs that is downright unforgettable and can be compared to none you have ever seen or heard. Those who attend are in awe, and those who do not are sorry they missed it. The guild members will be talking about this program for years to come.

At the end of her presentation at the 2014 Quilt Expo with Sewing with Nancy, Lola received the only standing ovation that has ever been given to a speaker at this event. Since then, Lola has consistently been given standing ovations across the U.S. and abroad.

A Portrait Collage workshop is planned and details will soon be announced in the guild's Yahoo group. Please check out her website <http://www.lolasdesignerquilts.net/> for examples of what she creates.



MINUTES

January 23, 2017

Call to Order: Vice President John Rutkowski called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm. President Peggy Anderson is out of town this evening.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Cindy Pfothenauer, noted that the 2017 totals are on the 2018 Budget Proposal. The left hand column reflected in Cindy's Budget are actual expenses for 2017.

2018 Budget Approval: Cindy Pfothenauer passed out the 2018 Budget and discussed the differences between the 2017 Budget and the 2018 Proposed Budget. It was moved and seconded and approved to accept the 2018 Budget as proposed.

Program: This evening's program was introduced by Chris Williams. Program focused on highlights, new products, and skills garnered by attendees of the Houston Quilt Show. Gail McCarthy presented information about the Electric Quilt program. Gail also discussed a class she took on Heliography (sun dying); she mentioned that she was surprised that you can use rice for sun dying. Penny Edinger showed us David Taylor's turned-edge machine appliqué and introduced a strip stick to hold seams open. Phyllis Nelson talked about machine quilting mastery in one month. Louise Morris talked about a new product called Terial Magic that serves as a pliable stiffener for fabrics. Louise also took a class from Melinda Bula who does assembly of very large flowers, which is like color-by-number using Steam-A-Seam 2 and thread painting. Edie Cornell-Smith took a class from Nancy Prince about painting with Inktense pencils. Chris Williams also took a class from Nancy Prince about thread painting; this particular process involved a variety of stabilizers, tulle, special needles, etc. for some very special detailed pieces. Chris concluded the program by stating that the Houston Quilt Show was a blast, exhausting, and crowded.

Announcements:

Newsletter deadline is 26 January 2018. Submit all items to Cindy Holten.

Fun Sew Day with Chris Williams will be on 3 February; it is full. There will be another one on March 3. Several new people came to the January Fun Sew Day; emphasis on 'fun'.

Carol Spindler had blocks for those who won them but missed the meeting in December when they were passed out.

Quilts for Olympians is being sponsored by Margaret Gall. She suggested different styles of quilts or pillowcases with hearts on them as a show of support for these women who have been hurt and may take forever to heal.

Sunshine and Shadow Chairperson, Linda Waugh, mentioned that cards are greatly appreciated for our members who are dealing with illness or loss.

Judy Humphrey advised that in March there will be 2 honor flights (3rd, 31st). She needs additional quilts for these honor flights coming up. The recipients are tremendously appreciative of these quilts commemorating their service to the United States.

Joyce Zepp announced that Quilt Show is coming up quickly. Everyone needs to be involved in helping at the Quilt Show. Laurie Schrader is looking for volunteers; use Sign-Up Genius at the Bits and Pieces website. Please let Laurie Schrader know if you need to be seated to perform your duties. None of the jobs require training. Each shift is 2 hours. There is a need for 20 drop-off people who will take all the quilts for display. There is a need for a special assistant to Judy Vogt to work with the vendors. Linda Schwartz needs 3 assistants for the demonstrations; the assistants will sit in the booths during the vendors' demos. There is a need for easels. Show is being laid out this Saturday, so all submissions need to be in by then. Sarah Stevens is doing publicity. Flyers and bookmarks for the Quilt Show are available; need to be taken to different guilds and quilt shops. Bring carts, ladders, husbands to help with set-up around 1P on Friday. Sign-ups need to be completed by 15 February. Irene Anderson is responsible for Antique quilts and bed turning and they have all the quilts they need; thanks! Raffle Quilt details will be worked at the end of the show regarding announcing the winner and taking of photographs.

Cover Our Kids: The Cover Our Kids Committee is trying to get COK kits pulled together for this year. Quilts must be washed and labeled. Thanks for your efforts toward COK.

UFOs: Francine Boilat awarded UFO Prizes for 2017. They were presented to Susan Calzone-3rd Place, Darlene Sforza-2nd Place, and Shirley Handlang-1st Place.

Retreats: Susan Calzone mentioned that Retreat sign-ups are open for June and August Retreats.

Membership: Nancy Straate and Kathy Chitwood reported that we had 116 members attend this evening. We have 5 new members who also signed up this evening. Three attendance prizes were presented.

Show and Tell: Many members participated in Show and Tell.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by VP Rutkowski at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Strebeck, Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COK and More: Penny Edinger, Phyllis Benarek, Mary Ann Barr

- Your new COK committee members are Penny Edinger, Phyllis Benarek, and Mary Ann Barr. Our predecessor, Louise Morris, along with the help of so many caring members, did such an exceptional job of collecting quilts, that now three people are needed to handle all of the quilts being made for this great charity program.
- Although not everything was setup at the January meeting, we will be up and running at full steam at the February meeting. There will be kits available for our eager quilt makers and also batting if requested in advance for COK quilts. New sew dates will be set up and information ready in February.
- Most changes, if any, will come slowly as we learn the present system. However, we have decided to no longer photograph all of the quilts and to try delivering the finished quilts to our various charities as we receive them. This will not only speed up the delivery system, but will also prevent having to store them at someone's house. However, we will store a few quilts just for emergency situations that may arise.
- We received nine finished quilts at the January meeting and will immediately deliver these to Circle of Concern. Also, we received two quilt tops and will have those ready next meeting in a kit to finish.
- Please help us quickly get these quilts to the people that need them by remembering to wash and label all quilts before dropping them off at the COK table. Otherwise the delivery will be delayed while someone takes them home to wash and sew on the labels. All kits will have both a label and "Washed" tag included. And if you are donating a completed quilt, please ask for a label. Should you be unable to wash or label quilts, please let us know and we will take care of it.
- Thank you for all the great support you've given to the COK program, to Louise, and to your new COK committee members.

Library: Kay Merz

- 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.

Membership: Kathy Chitwood, Nancy Straate

- 116 members attended in January and there were 5 new members.
- The 2018 annual membership fee is \$25. To renew your membership, please complete the membership form (located on the website) and bring it with your payment to the February meeting. Payment may be made by either cash or a check made payable to Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild. Even if nothing has changed with your information, complete the form and drop it into the box at the membership table with your payment.
- If you want to win a membership attendance prize at the meeting you must wear your name tag. We have stick-on name tags at the membership table or you can order an engraved badge. Engraved badges are \$10 and can be ordered in magnetic or pin backed styles. An order form is available at the membership table. *Remember magnetic badges should not be worn with a pacemaker!*
- 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 2017 Guild Meetings: John Rutkowski

- **FEB 27:** Lola Jenkins, "Ms. Bubble Buster"
- **MAR 27:** TBA
- **OCT 23:** Deborah Boschert—Fiber Collage Art

QUILT SHOW 2018

QS18 Chair Report: Joyce Zepp, Coordinator

- The quilt show has been laid out and is going to be awesome!! Thank you all for your submissions.
- Now we need volunteers. Please use Sign-up Genius to fill the volunteer slots. We will probably need a few more drop-off volunteers, and if you are planning to help set up, you might think about doing both drop-off and set-up since both groups of people will be coming early.
- We also are still looking for easels for special exhibit areas, etc.
- Please be checking your emails for further updates over the course of the month.
- If you have questions, please contact me at joycezepp83@gmail.com, or at 314-593-6283.
- Future meetings of the Quilt Committee are as follows:
 - **FEB 10:** 9:30 at West County Fire Dept
 - **FEB 24:** 9:30 at West County Fire Dept

Raffle Quilt: Chris Williams

- The 2018 Fanfare of Quilts Show is fast approaching. If you have not turned in your Raffle Quilt tickets (sold or unsold) please do so at the February meeting.
- The Raffle Quilt will be awarded at the quilt show on Sunday afternoon.
- We will be awarding the following prizes at the March 27th Bits meeting so be sure to get your tickets turned in:
 - Most Tickets sold - 1st and 2nd place
 - Drawing for Candy Grisham wall hanging
 - Seller of winning Raffle Quilt ticket

RETREATS

RETREATS AT TODDHALL, COLUMBIA, IL

- Susan Calzone, Coordinator - January and June retreats - sesnowzone@charter.net
- Laurie Schrader, Coordinator – Weekend retreat - laurieschrader@gmail.com
 - **THE 4-DAY PLUS RETREAT – 4day/3night minimum**
 - **June 13-16 2018, add-on day June 12 –**

Sign-ups are underway.

- Approximate cost is \$165 to \$380
- **THE WEEKEND RETREAT – 3day/2nights**
 - **August 17-19 2018 –**

Sign-ups are underway.

 - Approximate cost is \$140 to \$220
 - Members only.
 - If a retreat is full you can be put on a wait list.
 - These are non-structured retreats. Attendees work on projects of their choice, not group projects, workshops, or lectures.
 - For detailed information see our website under Guild Activities, Retreats or contact the appropriate coordinator.

FUN SEW DAY: Chris Williams

- MAR 3 (Sat) - Full (wait list only)
- APR - TBD
- The next Fun Sew Day is Saturday, March 3 at the West County Fire Department. All the slots are filled, but I am keeping a wait list. Call Chris Williams 314-452-5912 if you want to be put on the wait list. An update email will be sent to all who signed up.
- The April Fun Sew Day has not yet been scheduled and will be announced at the February meeting.

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.

- **Mona Howard**, a beloved member of our Guild, passed away in early January. We will all miss her beautiful smile and most wonderful quilts
- **Mary Ann Anderson's** Dad passed away this week. They had recently celebrated his 89th birthday. Mary Ann expressed what a great dad he was and how he was always there for her. Also, he had a gift in growing vegetables and in carpentry.
- Please continue praying for **Suzanne Mullaney's** husband. He will have a kidney removed in early February and begin chemo treatments. This is a difficult time for Suzanne but she is a trooper so let's support her.
- **Ivy Osborn** has undergone knee surgery in mid January. Many of you have had this surgery and understand the time and patience it takes for therapy and patience.
- **Margie Whitehead** also needs continued prayer and support.
- A longtime Guild member, **Fran Collins**, lost her Mom

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a couple of weeks ago. Her Mom was just shy of her 109th birthday. Let's keep Fran and her family in our thoughts and prayers and support her.

- **Judy Hoffman** is hoping that her chemo treatments are finished. Let's continue to pray for her continued healing and recovery. Judy enjoys hearing from everyone.
- **Bonnie Brown** had a virus in late December, but she's doing better. Let's continue to pray for her body to heal as she continues to receive chemotherapy treatments. Bonnie is most grateful hearing from our Guild.

It means a lot to our members to receive support and consoling words from our Guild members. Please show your support through your prayers, cards, and emails to all of our members in need. Please contact me with any Sunshine and Shadow information. Thank you.

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.

UFO: Judy Hoffman.

Please turn in your list by the meeting in April.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm writing this article today from Oklahoma. It's a beautiful 65 degree day. It hardly seems like winter! I have been sorting through all of my Dad's belongings. So far, I have found 5 sewing machines and 7 typewriters!

I'm getting really excited about our upcoming Quilt Show! Everyone has been busy finishing all of the final details. It's going to be a wonderful show! Be sure to encourage all your friends and family to attend!

Thank you, Joyce Zepp and your committee, for all the work you are doing to make the Quilt Show a success. Remember to sign up and volunteer so the show runs smoothly.

I would like to thank Chris Williams for being such a fantastic Vice president! I really appreciate all the help and support you have given me.

Louise Morris has done a great job as our Cover Our Kids chairperson. I am so proud of the number of quilts we have been able to donate to our community!

Try to stay warm and healthy!

Best regards,
Peggy Anderson, President

THE QUILTED FOX

Travel with The Quilted Fox to the AQS Quilt Show



April 18, 19, 20, or 21, 2018

Paducah is a Mecca for quilters and quilt enthusiasts during the American Quilter's Society Annual Quilt Show & Contest.

The bus goes down in the morning and returns that evening. There will be a bus each day of the show. Sign up now to hold your seat! It's only \$55 per person which covers the bus. Meals and show entrance are on your own.

Call now to reserve your seat! 314-993-1181.

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

Mona Howard, our beloved member, passed away January 3, 2018, after battling a long illness. Mona was a prolific quilter as these photos show. Several of her quilts were draped over the pews in the Schrader Funeral Home chapel where Mona's family celebrated her life. It was a beautiful sight and so spoke of her joyous and creative spirit.

- Linda Waugh

