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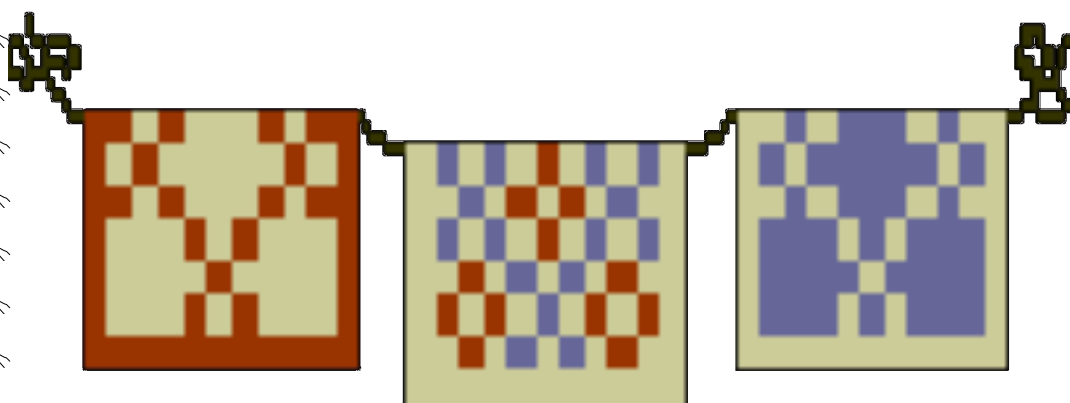
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**Guild Meeting March 27, 2018**



## RECAP OF THE FANFARE OF QUILTS 2018 SHOW



## MINUTES

### February 27, 2018

Call to Order: President Peggy Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:58 pm.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of January 23, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Pfotenhauer, Treasurer, reported that the Treasurer's Report will be in the newsletter. Also, feel free to email Cindy any time if there are questions or concerns about the current state of the Treasury. She will promptly respond.

#### Announcements:

Newsletter deadline is 2 March 2018. Submit all items to Cindy Holten.

Candy Grisham announced that there are two National workshops coming up this year. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, Shelly Pagliai will have an all-day workshop with Shelly where we'll do a block out of her book *A Simple Life*; the workshop will cost \$35. A second set of workshops will be another National speaker, Deborah Boschert, who will be speaking on 'Stitching, Symbols, Signature Style' at our October Meeting. Workshops from Deborah will be on 23, 24 October; one ½-day workshop will be Personal Symbols for Art Quilters and the second workshop will be a full day workshop about Creative-Tree Art Quilts. Sign-ups for both workshops will be in May, after the Quilt Show activities have been completed.

Chris Williams announced a Fun Sew Day on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own machines, projects, questions, quilting problems, etc. It is a great way to meet others in the Guild. There is presently room for 6 more people.

Carol Spindler still has a couple of Christmas blocks for our winners. Carol will also be picking up Charity Sharity for the next couple of months.

Program: Ms. Lola Jenkins aka. "Ms. Bubble Blaster" from Omaha, NE presented our Program. Her presentation was very entertaining and humorous. She has become a very accomplished Art Quilter, and she shared her anecdotes about her development as a quilter. She loved the free table and found a great piece of fabric that she will make into 'a lady'. She talked about life circumstances that led her to getting her first sewing machine and learning how to sew on this machine. She also talked about learning how to make a quilt at Joann's; her first quilt was a bookshelf quilt. Her next quilt was a wild patterned piece of fabric; she bought 5 yards for \$5. Her quilt was originally named 'Going in Circles'; however, she didn't know that with fusible web that she needed to also sew around the edges of her pieces after fusing. Thus, she has changed the name of the quilt to 'Falling to Pieces'; she says she will get around to repairing it someday. Her next quilt was a crayon/Sharpie quilt called Destiny's Daughter. On this quilt she tried to learn how to do machine quilting. She learned by watching a one-minute YouTube video; oh my goodness! With this quilt she began teaching quilting. Her 4<sup>th</sup> quilt was a Sharpie quilt. At this point she discovered her local Quilt Guild. At the Quilt Guild, she showed her

fourth quilt named 'House of God'. She then showed us a quilt that she received Judge's Choice in a Show. She was asked to video instruct thread sketching for Crafts. She has a wonderful quilt of Ray Charles that took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in her first quilt show; she chose Ray Charles as her subject as she didn't know how to do eyes and the sunglasses were great for that problem. In one show, she entered quilts in all 13 categories, and won in 11, and received Best in Show. She showed us a folkart piece entitled 'Mama's Kitchen'. She shared a quilt that she made for her beloved sister-in-law but won 3 ribbons for that quilt in one show. The sister-in-law has never received her quilt; but she didn't know about it, so is not missing it (yet). She recommends using E6000 silicone glue for permanently attaching embellishments. She also likes to use Sharpies because you can't ever get Sharpie out of anything; and the bleeding is good because it adds character and depth to her pieces. Her first quilt-on-the-back and quilt-on-the-front quilt is called 'Jazz Time'. She also designed a class called Silhouettes; she showed us a silhouette quilt that won 5 prizes in one Quilt Show. She has recently sold three quilts to Ricky Timms, the Cowboy Quilter, who loves her work. She showed a great silhouette quilt of Malcolm X and one of a bicycle. She has a series of quilts of the characters from the movie 'The Color Purple'. She is coming out with patterns for these quilts. She did a fabulous quilt of 'Famous Person', Steve Harvey that was the theme on a Quilt Cruise. Out came numerous other quilts of Shirley Chisolm, Marketplace, Prince, Portraits in Negative Space, Many Faces, and a large piece named Marketplace 2. The program was followed by Q and A. Lola told us that she hated Art Class when she was coming through school; she believes that when she fell ill that she lost her ability to do Accounting, and was somehow gifted with the ability to do Art. This was a delightful program. Tomorrow on Wednesday, 28 February will be a portrait workshop presented by this speaker.

Cover Our Kids: Phyllis Bednarek announced that the three new COK leaders are learning the system. Keep bringing in the quilts. Thanks so much.

Quilt Show: Joyce Zepp advised that everything seems to be ready for the Quilt Show. If you haven't signed up to work, please go on-line to the Sign-Up Genius. Appraisals of hanging quilts can be done on Sunday, if requested. If you have some number of quilts to bring in, she suggests you put your quilts in rolling suitcases. Please park in the upper lot. You can drive up to the building at Queeny Park to drop off stuff, but park in the upper lot at other times. Nancy Peterson went through what is needed for Set-Up: 1) Bring step stools. 2) Wear comfortable shoes. 3) Bring wire cutters. 4) Bring wagons and carts. 5) Wear an apron with pockets. 6) Bring husbands (One caveat: **We** are in charge). Thanks to all of the drop-off people. Watch for announcements as email blasts, or posts on the Facebook page. The list of all the vendors will be put on the Bits and Pieces website.

Quilt Show Raffle Quilt: Phyllis Bednarek thanked everyone for bringing the money and raffle tickets in today. We have done very well with the raffle.

Retreats: Susan Calzone announced that the June Retreat is full. There is still room in the August Retreat.

## MINUTES

Membership: Kathy Chitwood and Nancy Stratte announced that there were 5 new members added this month. There were also several guests attending this meeting. We had 119 attendees at this meeting this evening.

Attendance Prizes: There were 3 prizes awarded for attendance.  
UFOs: Francine Boillat announced that there is a new form for UFOs; they are due back in April. Make a list of your unfinished projects, what is left to be done. Objective of the UFOs is to push ourselves along to get projects completed.

Current Need for Leadership: BOM, Salad Supper; please consider stepping up.

Small Group News: Margaret Gall talked about the abused Olympic athlete quilt project. There is a need for 200 'heart themed' quilts for the young gymnasts who were abused by their team doctor, who is now in prison. She talked to the Michigan Attorney General's office, and a survivor contacted Margaret yesterday and told her that she would love a quilt. Their attorney has agreed to distribute the quilts. The objective of these quilts is to help these young women heal and to show support from our group of women to them. There will be no publicity for this project as the intent is to keep this personal and private for the athletes as they work through a difficult time.

Show and Tell: Many members participated in Show and Tell. There were many beautiful quilts; the scrap quilts were nice. Carol Spindler had numerous COK and Honor Flight quilts that were a group effort with friends and neighbors. Nancy Peterson also had several quilts. Our speaker showed us her Barack Obama quilt.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President Anderson at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
<<signed>>  
Kathleen Strebeck, Secretary

P.S. Thanks in advance to Nancy Hopkins who is stepping up for me next month to reprise her role as Secretary. I am so grateful for her support.

## HAVE A HEART

### Quilts for Olympians

The abuse experienced by the USA Gymnasts prompted my interest in offering these young women hope and support of healing in their spirit. In contacting the Michigan Attorney General's office, I had heard from an athlete who wanted a quilt. The California law firm representing these women is reviewing this and interest is they would distribute the quilts. The interest is privacy for the young women and for us as guild members.

Consider sewing either a *small lap quilt or a pillowcase, and put a heart on the quilt or pillowcase.* This is a great way to use stash, sew that simple design, and help these young woman heal a deep sorrow.

Size: a small lap or large crib approx. 45 x 50 and *add a Heart* on the front of it—it need not be large, just symbolic.

Interested in making a small lap quilt or pillowcase? Do you need ideas for a simple design? Can you only make the quilt top? Would you like to donate backing?

Any kind of interest is welcomed. Please call or email: Margaret Gaal, 314-288-5096, [mgaal-stacy@yahoo.com](mailto:mgaal-stacy@yahoo.com) (email is better). Thank you.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **BOM: Cindy Pfotenhauer**

- I will be leading the Block of the Month/Mystery Quilt for 2018. To whet your appetite for a new project (and who doesn't need another one?), let me start by saying that you probably won't need to buy anything!!!
- Pull out your 10" layer cakes and start petting them. Or consider making a Quilts of Valor. The finished top will be 60" X 70" without borders. Instructions for a scrappy version made from your stash will be provided too.
- Cutting instructions will be provided at the March meeting and the sewing will start after our April meeting.

### **COK and MORE: Penny Edinger, Phyllis Benarek, Mary Ann Barr**

- What a great start to the COK year!
- 24 beautiful quilts brought in, all washed and labeled. Our thanks to the ladies who donated their time & their wonderful talents!
- Through the month of February we delivered 11 quilts to Cardinal Glennon and 14 quilts to St. Louis Children's Hospital. Carol Spindler delivered 10 quilts to Jefferson County Public Administration for the "Forgotten People", as the administrator describes them.
- Sue Myers has kindly volunteered to be Baggy Block coordinator for April. She has the pattern and will take care of coordinating. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Sue.
- Sew days will be announced soon. We are waiting until the quilt show is over to get this scheduled.
- Again, thanks to everyone who has completed or who is working on a quilt for COK. You definitely make a difference in someone's life!

### **LIBRARY: Kay Merz**

- Hopefully everyone was able to attend the February meeting and hear Lola Jenkins' delightful presentation and see her amazing portrait quilts, appreciating the beauty and talent expressed in her work. Maybe she has sparked you to express your creativity with portrait collage. We look forward to seeing what our talented guild members come up with.
- If you are looking for ways to quilt your creations and either are not comfortable with free motion quilting or just like to mix up your quilting methods, your Guild has purchased a new Craftsy cd by Jacquie Gering titled

Next Steps With Your Walking Foot. This cd covers new linear designs, decorative stitches, concentric shapes, spirals, designs with reverse stitching, new curved designs and curved remixes. This is a supplement to the cd originally purchased titled Creative Quilting With Your Walking Foot which is also available in your Guild Library. Please check out these and other cds and books.

- 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

### **Membership: Kathy Chitwood, Nancy Stratte**

- There were 131 in attendance at the February meeting. Included in that number were 5 new members and 7 guests. There are 174 members on the membership roster.
- 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**

- **MAR 27:** Quilt Show Recap
- **APR 24:** TBD
- **MAY 22:** TBD

## COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

- **AUG 28:** TBD; Shelly Pagliai will have a workshop on Aug 4.
- **OCT 23:** Deborah Boschert's - Stitching, Symbols, Signature Style; Workshops: Oct 23 & 24. (See Website for details on Shelly's and Deborah's workshops. Watch for signups in May).

### QUILT SHOW 2018

#### Raffle Quilt: Chris Williams and Phyllis Bednarek

- The 2018 Fanfare of Quilts Show is fast approaching. Please return any unsold tickets and sold tickets and money at the Quilt Show. Tickets turned in at the quilt show will only be eligible for the prize as seller of the winning ticket.
- The Raffle Quilt will be awarded at the quilt show on Sunday afternoon.
- Note that raffle tickets sold by guild members at the Raffle Quilt booth at the Quilt Show will not be eligible for prizes.
  - Most Tickets sold - 1st and 2nd place
  - Final quarterly ticket sales prize
  - Drawing for Candy Grisham wall hanging
  - Seller of winning Raffle Quilt ticket
- Thank you to all the Bits n' Pieces Guild members for your efforts and support.
- Can't wait to see who wins our beautiful quilt!

### RETREATS

#### RETREATS AT TODDHALL, COLUMBIA, IL

- Susan Calzone, Coordinator - January and June retreats - [sesnowzone@charter.net](mailto:sesnowzone@charter.net)
- Laurie Schrader, Coordinator - Weekend retreat - [laurieaschrader@gmail.com](mailto:laurieaschrader@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**

- Our next Fun Sew Day is scheduled for Saturday April 7, 2018 and there is still room available so sign up!
- How? Call Chris Williams: 314-452-5912 or Email: [cwill@earthlink.net](mailto:cwill@earthlink.net)
- Location: West County EMS & Fire Administrative Offices:  
223 Henry Ave.  
Manchester MO 63011
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- What is Fun Sew Day? It is a day of sewing among friends. Bring your own sewing equipment and your own project and sew among friends. We especially welcome new members to this day. It is a great opportunity to meet other members on a small scale, make friends, get ideas and suggestions for solving any quilting/piecing questions you might have. AND IT IS FREE!
- This is a no frills day, which means:
  - Tables at fire department - provided (2 per cafeteria table) You are welcome to bring a small portable table if you wish.
  - Chairs at fire department - provided (or you are welcome to bring your own)
  - Extension cord - bring your own - or if you have a 3-prong multi-outlet cord that you can share - great!
  - Sewing supplies - bring your own - bring whatever project you want to work on and basic sewing supplies
  - I will provide a cutting mat. You need to bring your own rotary cutter, scissors and if you need a specific ruler, please bring it.
  - Ironing board/iron - If anyone would like to volunteer to bring cutting mat, tools, ironing board, iron to share with the group, please respond let me know.
  - Lunch/snacks/drinks - bring your own. NOTE: I will have menus from local cafe's/restaurants available. ALSO NOTE:



THERE IS NO REFRIGERATION AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

- Also - If you have something for a show & tell, bring it along as well. We love to see what everyone is doing.
- We hope you come!

## **SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.**

- Bonnie Brown is doing well. She had her last chemo, is recovering from its effects and is optimistic about regaining her strength and stamina. Yeah for Bonnie.
- Suzanne Mullaney is very grateful to all of you for the support that she has received during her husband's illness. Let's keep Suzanne and her husband in our thoughts and prayer.
- Ivy Osborn is doing very well after her knee surgery.
- Terry Rhodes is recuperating after gall bladder surgery which went very well
- Bernice Dodge's brother-in-law passed away in February. He was 94 and lived a full life.

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 Pfothauer**

- The "Members Only" section of the Bits website has the 2018 Budget approved the January meeting. Any changes will need to go through the Executive Committee and be approved at a monthly membership meeting.
- January and February Income/Expense Reports are on the Bits Website under the "Members Only" section.
- The website also has the "Income Submittal" and "Check Request" forms. Please use those for all money transactions. Be sure to get the Committee Chairperson's initials approving the budget item.
- Should you have any questions about reimbursement/income forms and/or procedures, please contact Cindy Pfothauer at cindypfot@gmail.com, or my cell 949-413-6473.

## **UFO: Judy Hoffman**

Please turn in your list by the April meeting.

## **CAROL MOELLERS AT THIMBLE AND THREAD QUILT GUILD**



**O**n April 13, 2018, the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild of St Louis will be hosting Carol Moellers. Carol is a member of the Amazing Eight, a group of quilters from around the US who have made group quilts

that have been juried into Houston and Paducah. Their quilt, "The Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt" won First Place in Group Quilts at several shows and will be presented at the lecture (see info below). Don't miss a chance to see this Amazing quilt!

Carol, an International Quilt Instructor & Designer, will present a lecture and trunk show on "**Group Quilts**", including two of her award winning group quilts that will entertain and inspire. She will share her personal journey of making an award winning group quilt. Also, she will share the strategies and guidelines a group needs to have in place for making a group contest quilt. Her program is full of tips and valuable information. At the end of her presentation, you will be inspired to gather up a group of friends to create something beautiful together and ready to create memories that will last for a lifetime.

Carol's lecture will include "**The Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt**". The Amazing Eight, including guild member **Cindy Bell Neville**, created this award winning quilt.



We meet at Concordia Lutheran Church, 505 South Kirkwood Road at 7:00 pm on the second Friday of each month. Note: There is a \$5 fee for national speakers.

Submitted by Cindy Bell Neville

# THE QUILTED FOX

## Travel with The Quilted Fox to the AQS Quilt Show

### 3rd Annual Quilt Show

March 10, 2018  
10:30 to 4:30

We're having a quilt show in the hall outside the shop. We'll be showing a sampling of the many Blooming 9-Patch quilts made during classes and/or with our fabric over the years. These quilts are gorgeous. Don't miss the chance to see them!!!



### Paducah Bus Trips

April 18, 19, 20, or 21, 2018

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 \$56 per person which covers the bus. Meals and show entrance are on your own. Call now to reserve your seat! 314-993-1181

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**Don't forget—we're open every Sunday from 12 – 4 pm**

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Monday & Wednesday 10-5; Tuesday & Thursday 10-6:30;

Friday & Saturday 10-4:30; Sunday 12-4:00

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