



# Fan Mail

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OCTOBER 2018

## Guild Meeting October 23, 2018



### Stitching, Symbols, Signature Style

Presented by

**Deb Boschert**

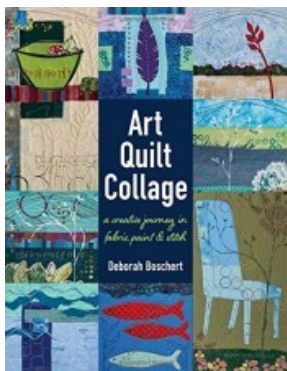
Deb is a self-taught artist. She started as a traditional quilter making pieced quilts from patterns. Twenty years later she rarely sews a quarter inch seam, but she creates award-winning art quilts built on her early love of traditional quilts.

Her art quilts and fiber collages have been published in books and magazines and exhibited all over the world. And since 2003 nearly every year many of her quilts have won awards.

Deb's unique artwork incorporates personal symbols like houses, leaves, stones, bowls, ladders and handwriting, and often add hand embroidery to her art quilts while sitting in her grandmother's old rocking chair.

Deb feels it's always a privilege to share her artwork and ideas about creating art and she does this through workshops online, in videos, through webinars — and even in real life!

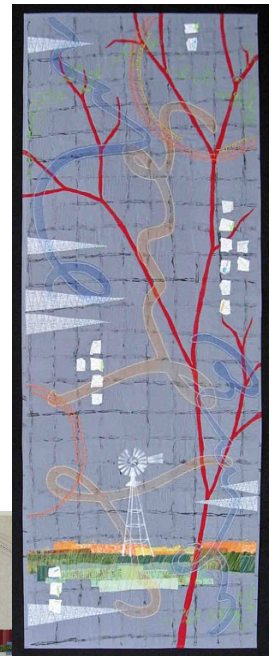
Deb says, "When I'm making art, my heart beats faster and I feel joyful."



In this inspiring presentation, Deborah shares her path and the journey of several other art quilters who began with patterns and now create one-of-a-kind art with fabric and stitching.

She also shares her most recent art quilts and talks about developing her

own personal style. She shows tons of examples of her favorite techniques, materials and themes. Deb includes many symbolic shapes in her art quilts and she'll discuss how those came to be. And she tells tell stories about exciting collaborations, surprising discoveries and finding inspiration in unexpected places.



Glimpse



Green Bowl



Fence and Flourish

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**T**oday was a beautiful day! It's the time of year when I get inspired to finish projects and plan new ones because it is finally feeling like Fall!

We had a great time at our last meeting! All of the challenge quilts were so wonderful! The block of the month quilts were so pretty! We have so many talented members! Thank you to everyone who participated.

A huge thank you to Joyce Zepp and Mary Jo Voltz for volunteering to host our Holiday party on Dec. 11, 2018.

I'm really excited about our speaker, Deborah Boschert, who will be at the October meeting. She also will be teaching workshops. Be prepared for an evening filled with creativity and inspiration!

Chris Williams is still taking nominations for our November election. Please contact her at (314)452-5912 if you have any suggestions.

Enjoy the cooler days.

Best regards,  
Peggy Anderson  
President

## MEETING MINUTES

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:03P by President Peggy Anderson.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the 28 August 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Cindy Pfotenhauer reported that The Treasurer's Report will be on the website. Cindy is looking to train her replacement after the elections.

**Announcements:**

- a. Carol Spindler is collecting Charity Sharity through November. There will be no Charity Sharity collection in December. It will start back up in January.
- b. Newsletter deadline is Friday, 28 September 2018. All articles need to be sent in to Cindy Holten. If you have nothing to report, you also need to let Cindy know.
- c. National Workshop: Candy Grisham announced that Deb Boschert is coming next month. Everyone has ordered a kit which simplifies the training. The workshops are all full. Tuesday's half-day session will be at the West County EMS on Henry. Wednesday's all-day session will be at St. Timothy's. Thursday's Art Bits session will also be at St. Timothy's.
- d. Nominating Committee: Chris Williams is chairman of the Nominating Committee and she stated that there is need for a new President and a Treasurer. She is soliciting nominations and recommendations for these two positions.
- e. Fun Sew Day: Chris Williams announced that 6 October, 3 November and 1 December are the next Fun Sew Days. There are still openings in both sessions. Fun Sew Day is BYO everything and sew with friends. If you're not sure about it, please come and visit. It is at the West County EMS.
- f. Holiday Party: Peggy announced that we are looking for a Chairman. It is a great way to get active in the Guild.
- g. Holiday Block: Cindy Pfotenhauer announced the holiday block fabrics. Each fat 1/8<sup>th</sup> that you purchase allows for submission of one block. Design your own blocks and submit them. Block needs to be 12.5 inches square. Each block returned in October is valued at 3 tickets. Each block turned in in November is valued at 2 tickets. Each block turned in in December is valued at 1 ticket. Traditionally, kits are put together at the November Meeting; so, it is appreciated if blocks are turned in by November.

**Program:** Louise Morris introduced the 'Want to Get Away' Challenge reveal. There are 17 Travel Posters that were submitted. First winner was Peggy Anderson. She googled vintage travel posters and found one that was put out by NASA. Second winner was Joyce Zepp who did a poster of Thailand. Her daughter drew the pattern and Joyce turned the drawing into a poster. Third winner was Nancy Straate who did a poster of Cinque Terre. All of the posters were a labor of love. Other posters were of Spain, Canyonlands, St. Louis, Hogwarts, Thailand 2, England, the Seashore, Switzerland, Palau, San Francisco, Paris, Cinque Terre 2, Tuscany, and Heaven.

**Block of the Month:** Cindy Pfotenhauer led the show and tell of the Block of the Month Mystery quilts. There were 13 quilts that were shown as part of the BOM challenge. Cindy then handed out several participation prizes. Cindy has offered to do the BOM Mystery quilt for next year. BOM will hopefully start up in January.

<<Break>>

**Sunshine and Shadow:** Peggy announced that the S&S information is on the website.

**Membership:** Kathy Chitwood/Nancy Stratte announced that there were 105 in attendance this evening. Two attendance prizes were awarded.

**Art Bits:** Wendy Richards announced that the Arts Bits Group has a show at the Union Avenue Christian Church on Union at Delmar.

**Cover Our Kids:** Phyllis Bednarek announced that there are numerous quilts for COK this month. Margaret Mayhem will be here next month to talk about the kids who get our quilts.

**Show and Tell:** Nice job ladies! There were many beautiful quilts shown this month.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by President Peggy Anderson at 8:47 P.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Strebeck, Bits 'N' Pieces Secretary

## **BOM: Cindy Pfotenhauer**

- Thank you all for participating in the Mystery Quilt: Your quilts are all fabulous!! It was fun to see how each of you used the blocks to complete your tops. Color choices were great as well.
- I look forward to another Block of the Month/Mystery Quilt starting in January 2019.

## **CHALLENGE: Louise Morris**

- On Tuesday night guild members were treated to the display of this year's challenge "Want to get away?" travel poster entries, and boy were we wowed! Seventeen spectacular posters challenged one hundred three members in attendance to pick just one, not an easy task! From Hogwarts to Heaven, each and every one was a winner, but in the end three took top honors.
- Peggy Anderson's The Grand Tour, a fantasy journey into space, Joyce Zepp's depiction of exotic and alluring Thailand, and Nancy Straate's rendition of Italy's beautiful seaside village of Cinque Terre were chosen by our guild to take home the three travel related prizes.
- Several were not able to finish their entries on time as September is crazy busy for all of us and life happens, but take note—it's not too late to complete them for we have opportunities to put them on display in several venues, including our 2020 Quilt show!!
- Many thanks to all of you who put the time, energy and talent into your posters for us to enjoy and to those who helped out during the evening including Linda Schwartz, Chris Williams, Judy Vogt, Mary Jo Voltz and Kathy Chitwood. I will pass the baton to another member to take on this really fun and exciting challenge for next year!

## CHALLENGE WINNERS



**The Grand Tour**  
Peggy Anderson



**Thailand**



**Cinque Terre - Italy**  
Nancy Straate

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

- What a great group of quilters we have at the Bits 'n' Pieces Guild. COK received 37 finished quilts this month: 23 donations and 14 returned kits.
- So many kits have been taken out that we will have to make sure there are more to take out next month. Great job to all of you.
- We have delivered or will deliver this week 93 quilts. The list is: St. Clair Hospital 15, Circle of Concern 15, Foster & Adoptive Care 15, Epworth Children & Family Service 15, Cardinal Glennon 17 and St. Louis Children's Hospital 16. Everyone is always so excited when we bring the quilts.
- COK has one more sew date scheduled for this year. It is Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup> at the church from 9:30 until about 3:30. Everyone is welcome for as much time that you can give. Remember to bring your sewing machine and tools if you want to sew. We also need people to cut patterns for kits to piece. We do have packets of 80 - 5 inch squares that can be pieced for a top. If you plan to stay the whole time bring a lunch, there is a refrigerator, or you can go out for lunch. There is always fabric and batting for your COK creations.
- In November Margaret Mahan from Epworth Children and Family Service will be our guest speaker. They have been around for almost 150 years helping children and families become self-sufficient always focusing on health, housing, education and employment.
- Please contact one of the following if you have questions.
  - Mary Ann Barr - (314) 607-4735  
[mabarr221@yahoo.com](mailto:mabarr221@yahoo.com);
  - Phyllis Bednarek - (630) 319-4292  
[phyllisb4@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisb4@gmail.com);
  - Penny Edinger - (636) 778-0536  
[jandpedinger@charter.net](mailto:jandpedinger@charter.net)

### **GUILD PROGRAMS: John Rutkowski**

- **OCT 23:** Deborah Boschert's - Stitching, Symbols, Signature Style; Workshops: Oct 23 & 24. (See Web-site for details on Deborah's October workshops.)
- **NOV 27:** TBA
- **DEC ?:** Holiday Party

### **HOLIDAY BLOCKS: Cindy Pfotenhauer**

- Fat Eighths were sold for \$1 at the September meeting. I purchased 10 yards total of 3 different Moda Fabrics, so we had 80 pieces available. I kept 2 for myself and an additional 78 were sold! I hope that means we will have 80 blocks submitted.
- The Block guidelines:
  1. **Must submit 12 1/2 X 12 1/2 blocks.**
  2. At least 1 of the fabrics must be in each block. Add other fabrics from your stash to complete your block.
  3. Each piece of fabric you purchased allows you to submit 1 block. If you purchased several different pieces, you may submit that many blocks.
  4. Design choices are yours. Piece, applique, embellish as you wish.
- The Tickets & Drawings:
  1. All drawings will be held at the December Potluck. The number of winners is dependent on you turning in blocks.
  2. At the October (3 slips), November (2 slips) & December (1 slip) meetings, you will submit your name for the drawings.
  3. After the November collection, we will be arranging blocks in sets with an eye to balance in each set. December blocks will be randomly put together. Soooooo, try to submit your blocks no later than November.
- If you need help designing/sewing a 12 1/2" block, I am available by email or phone. This is an easy & fun way to participate in a guild activity

### **LIBRARY: Kay Merz**

- Have you ever had a photograph that you would like to use as inspiration for a quilt? The quilt shows and magazines serve as inspiration for this type of quilting which has gained popularity and won awards for many quilters.
- Your Guild Library has purchased the quilt dvd titled Fabulous Flower Photo Quilts with Melinda Bula. Wouldn't it be fun to take this quilt class with Melinda? She shows you how to choose the best photograph, make a pattern from the image, choose the perfect color palette, select fabrics that work best, fuse like a pro, make realistic petals, assemble the flower and add your own Renegade Thread Play for

the final quilted touch. Be the first to check out this new dvd. This dvd is one of many available to Guild members. You will also find numerous books on various quilting and piecing techniques. If you are just wanting to relax and enjoy these long awaited cool fall days, your library also has quilting novels to enjoy. Be sure to take advantage of these great opportunities.

- *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*

### **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*

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

- There were 105 in attendance at the September meeting. Included in that number were 4 guests and 1 new member. There are 210 members on the membership roster.
- The 2019 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 October or November 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 or mail to: Kathy Chitwood, 1730 Preston Centre Drive, Fenton, MO 63026
- *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.*

### **NATL SPEAKER WORKSHOPS: Candace Grissam**

- We are all set for Deb Boschert and it looks like it will be fabulous. Kits are ordered and Deb has her travel plans. Please check the website under the Workshop tab for your supply lists and be prepared. If you are signed up, watch your emails for further reminders about time, place and last minute details.
- Any questions please contact Candy Grisham [candy-ce54@gmail.com](mailto:candy-ce54@gmail.com) or Marsha Bray [MarshaS-Bray@gmail.com](mailto:MarshaS-Bray@gmail.com)
- **OCT. 23:** Personal Symbols for Art Quilt Collages (1/2 day) and
- **OCT 24:** Creativi-Tree Art Quilts (full day) by Deb Boschert
- Workshops will be at St. Timothy's Episcopal church, 808 N Mason Rd. See the Guild's website for complete details.

### **RETREATS**

#### **Toddhall in Columbia, IL**

Our guild offers several retreats each year for our members. **\*Note: two additional retreats have been scheduled beginning in 2019.** Attendees work on projects of their choice at their pace. If a retreat is full you can choose to be put on a wait-list. For detailed information see our website under [Guild Activities, Retreats](#) or contact the appropriate coordinator. To sign-up for a retreat contact the coordinator or visit the RETREAT table at our guild meetings. Costs vary by attendance, bedroom occupancy, and meals, and are calculated separately for each retreat. *These retreats are managed separately. Funds paid for a retreat are not transferrable to a subsequent retreat.*



### **Susan Calzone, Coordinator - January and June retreats**

[sesnowzone@charter.net](mailto:sesnowzone@charter.net)

4day/3night minimum

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

- January 30 – February 2, 2019; add-on day January 29; **full**.

- June 12-15, 2019; add-on day June 11.

### **Laurie Schrader, Coordinator – Weekend retreats**

[laurieaschrader@gmail.com](mailto:laurieaschrader@gmail.com)

3day/2nights

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

\* February 15-17, 2019.

- August 16-18, 2019.

### **Sue Meyer, Coordinator – Autumn retreat**

[suziequilt@hotmail.com](mailto:suziequilt@hotmail.com)

4day/3nights

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

\* September 30-Oct.3, **2019**

### **Fun Sew Day: Chris Williams**

- Next Fun Sew Days are: Sat., Oct 6; Sat., Nov 3; Sat., Dec 1.
- What is a 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 and "more seasoned" members are welcome as well. It is a great opportunity to meet other Bits n' Pieces members on a small scale, make friends, get ideas and suggestions for solving any quilting/piecing questions you might have. AND IT IS FREE!
- IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER AND WOULD LIKE TO JUST DROP BY TO VISIT, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME. COME FIND OUT WHAT A FUN SEW DAY IS ABOUT.
- 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 - I will provide a small ironing mat and iron.
- If anyone would like to volunteer to bring cutting mat, tools, ironing board, iron to share with the group, please let me know.
- Lunch/snacks/drinks - bring your own. NOTE: I will have menus from local cafes/restaurants available. ALSO NOTE: THERE IS NO REFRIGERATION AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
- Also, if you have something for show & tell, bring it along as well. We love to see what everyone is doing.
- Contact Chris Williams: Ph: 314-452-5912 or Email: [cwwill@earthlink.net](mailto:cwwill@earthlink.net)
- Location: West County EMS & Fire Administrative Offices at 223 Henry Ave., Manchester MO 63011
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

- **Bonnie Brown's** cancer has recurred and she is receiving chemotherapy during these weeks.
- **Ivy Osborn** has had surgery on her right foot for tendonitis in late September. I just received an email from Ivy and she is doing and sleeping well and having little pain. She is getting around the house in her scooter. But due to her computer going south, Ivy has lost all of her email addresses so if you would kindly send her an email, she will slowly regain our Guild member addresses. [Sewivy@att.net](mailto:Sewivy@att.net).
- Let's continue to pray for both Bonnie and Ivy and take the time to send them a card or email.
- Lastly, let's think about other members in our Guild who are perhaps going through difficult times either because of illness or a family death or taking care of a loved one. So many of us need this support from us.
- *Please contact me if you have any information for Sunshine and Shadow at [Lkampwaugh@charter.net](mailto:Lkampwaugh@charter.net) or call me at 314-909-8559.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Cindy Pfotenhauer**

- A report is available in the Members Only area of our website. Please email or phone if you have any additional questions. I do get out and about during the month, so if you don't want to wait for a reimbursement (or need an event check), please contact me and we'll see if we can arrange to meet. You may also mail receipts with your form to me and I'll get that check out to you.
- Check Request & Reimbursement forms are available on the website. Please submit original receipts for your reimbursements. Thank you!
- *The guild's website 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. If you are the Committee Chair, please initial for yourself as well.***
- *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.*

## Challenges

### Art Quilts by Art Bits

On Exhibit

September 11 — October 7, 2018



Gretchen Brigham Gallery  
Union Avenue Christian Church  
733 N. Union Blvd. St. Louis 63108  
Parking entrance in rear from Delmar ·  
Gallery open daily except Saturday.  
Call 314-361-8844 to confirm open.

## THE QUILTED FOX



**Demo Night — Wednesday, September 26**

**Multiple demonstration stations!**

**Attendance Prizes!**

**7:00 — 8:30 pm**

Demonstrations will be happening all over the shop! Stop in, register for the door prizes, learn some new tips, tricks and tools to

enhance your quilting skills. Meet up with friends and maybe win a prize!

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**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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