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NOVEMBER 2018

Guild Meeting November 27, 2018

**Penny Edinger ♥ Mary Ann Barr ♥ Phyllis Bednarek
of Cover Our Kids Committee**

present

**“A Big THANK YOU!” and
Margaret Mahan of Epworth Family Services**

The Cover Our Kids Committee extends a big “THANK YOU” to the members of the Bits Quilt Guild. Because of your incredible generosity, support, and talent the Cover Our Kids mission has been a huge success!

Thanks to all of you, so far this year we have delivered almost 300 quilts! Of those quilts, 223 quilts went to five locations: Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital, Barnes Children’s Hospital, Epworth Family & Children Services, St. Clair Hospital, and Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition, and 69 quilts, that were received at the September and October meetings, will be delivered at a later date. Plus we anticipate more contributions before year’s end! That is astounding. Thanks so much again.



As soon as we deliver these beautiful quilts, we immediately feel the enthusiasm, excitement, and appreciation. It is overwhelming. And is it also heartening when we were told that these quilts might be the only personal possession these children may have. So each quilt you make becomes a precious possession to a child who has nothing.

Margaret Mahan, a long-time representative from Epworth Family Services, coordinates the Volunteer Relations department. Epworth’s mission is to help children, youth, and families move toward self-sufficiency by focusing on health, housing, education, and employment. And Margaret will impart the many programs the facility offers, such as counseling, family support, street outreach and residential services.

If you would like more information about their
www.epworth.org.

facility you can check out their website at:



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed our national teacher, Deborah Boschert, as much as I did! Her lecture and classes were interesting and so inspiring. I have learned so many things while working on my project from her class. I want to thank Candy Grisham for the wonderful speaker! We can always count on someone special when Candy is in charge!

Our slate of new officers was announced. Jean Goldsberry for president and Sandy Rekowski for treasurer. The membership chose to hold the election and both ladies were elected by a unanimous vote. Thank you, Jean and Sandy! You are going to have a wonderful time leading this group of talented people.

Our next meeting will be all about Cover Our Kids. If you are thinking about donating a quilt to Cover Our Kids, this would be a great time to bring it in!

Now that the holiday season is almost here, remember to take some time to work on your projects. You'll be glad you did!

Best regards,
Peggy Anderson
President

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 23, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:59P by President Peggy Anderson.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the 25 September 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Pfotenhauer reported that The Treasurer's Report will be in the newsletter.

Announcements:

- a. Newsletter deadline is Friday, 26 October 2018. All information needs to be sent in to Cindy Holten; negative replies also are needed.
- b. Nominating Committee: Chris Williams is chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominee for Treasurer is Sandy Rekowski. Nominee for President is Jean Goldsberry. Nominations were approved and seconded. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were approved by oral vote of all in attendance. We sang Happy Birthday to Jean Goldsberry.
- c. Fun Sew Day: Chris Williams announced that 3 November 2018 is our next Fun Sew Day. It is at the West County EMS. It is full. There is another on 1 December, and Chris is managing the sign-ups for this session.

Program: Candy Grisham introduced our speaker, Deb Boschert. Deborah lives in Dallas (Lewiston, a suburb) and has been a Navy wife and lived all over the United States except for the Pacific Northwest. Deborah's topic for this program was "Stitching, Symbols, Signature Style." She shared several photographs of her studio. She is presently working on an 80"x30" art quilt which is the largest art quilt she has worked on yet. She showed several of her quilts based on various themes. She explained how she selects the fabrics for her quilts. She aptly stated that no other artistic medium is as vast as the palette of fabrics that an art quilter has for their artistic compositions. She paints on fabric to enhance the texture and interest of her fabrics. She likes to use (illegible) handwriting on her quilts to indicate there is a conversation to be had about the subject of the quilt. She also stamps with paint, or ink with custom fun foam stamps. She is also all about incorporating personal symbols into her quilts. She likes to use houses, ladders, bowls, botanicals, chairs, and stones. She also uses hand embroidery and machine quilting to add more interest and detail to her quilts. She binds her quilt with fusible fabrics, or a zig-zag on the edge, or a painted edge. She has a book out entitled Art Quilt Collage which serves as the foundation of the workshops she is teaching over the next 3 days. She also has a workbook entitled Head, Heart, and Hands which is a self-guided tutorial to finding your own personal symbols. She showed some of her quilts in person, which were even more beautiful than the slideshow conveyed.

Holiday Block: Cindy Pfotenhauer mentioned that there are a few more pieces of fabric for sale for a dollar. There have been many blocks turned in tonight.

Charity Sharity: This month is the last pickup for Charity Sharity until January.

Cover Our Kids: MaryAnn Barr announced that there is a Sew Day for **COK next Tuesday, 30 October** here at the Church from 0930A to 330P. Also, there are some 5" squares that need to be pieced that are available for someone to take.

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Holiday Party: Joyce Zepp announced that the Christmas Party will be 11 December at 7P. Bring an appetizer or a dessert. No Show and Tell that night. We'll play QUILTO.

Olympic Quilts: Margaret Gaal stated that they have sent about 80 quilts up to Michigan for the athletes. She showed an example of a quilt. She has a friend who has a 'like new' long arm machine that she would like to sell.

Retreat: Sue Meyer announced that she is taking names for the Fall 2019 Retreat. It is during the week at Todd Hall.

Sunshine and Shadow: Linda Waugh thanked everyone for sending out cards to the folks who are suffering a setback of some kind. Even if you don't know the person who is having a tough time, don't hesitate to send along a greeting to let them know you are thinking of them.

Membership: Kathy Chitwood and Nancy Stratte announced that we had 102 in attendance, with 5 guests. Two attendance prizes were handed out.

UFO: Francine Boilat asked everyone to finish up their UFOs before the December meeting when they are due.

Show and Tell: A bounty of fabulous quilts were brought in and shared. Love those quilts!

Adjournment:

Note 1: There is a Loose Threads Quilt Guild Show at St. Charles Community College on 4 November from 9A-4P.

Note 2: There will be a BnP garage sale in April, so plan accordingly.

Meeting was adjourned by President Peggy Anderson at 9:05P.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Again COK has had a great month because of all the wonderful quilters. We received a total of 32 finished quilts, 9 kits taken to be quilted, and 4 kits to be pieced. Great job to all of you.
- COK will have the last sew date for the year on Tuesday, October 30th at the church from 9:30 until about 3:30. Everyone is welcome to work as long as you can. Bring your sewing machine and tools if you want to piece or quilt. Also, you can cut patterns to be pieced or find backing for kits. There are many jobs to be done to keep COK going. Bring your lunch (there is a refrigerator) or pick up lunch. We have plenty of fabric and batting for you to use. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday and having some fun and friendship.
- COK has scheduled Margaret Mahan from Epworth Children and Family Services for the November meeting. We have been donating quilts to them for years and look forward to learning more about their work in our community.
- *Please contact one of the following if you have questions.*
 - Mary Ann Barr - (314) 607-4735
mabarr221@yahoo.com;
 - Phyllis Bednarek - (630) 319-4292
phyllisb4@gmail.com;
 - Penny Edinger - (636) 778-0536
jandpedinger@charter.net

GUILD PROGRAMS: John Rutkowski

- **NOV 27:** COK presents Epworth Family Svcs.
- **DEC 11:** Holiday Party

HOLIDAY BLOCKS: Cindy Pfotenhauer

- I am so impressed with both the number and design of the blocks that have been submitted!!!! Remember, blocks submitted at the November meeting will receive 2 tickets each for the drawing. For each fat eighth of fabric you purchased, you may submit one block. You must include 1 or more of the Holiday fabrics provided. Blocks should measure an accurate 12 1/2".
- After the November meeting, all blocks received will be divided into quilts of 9 or 12 blocks. Those block

settings will be displayed at the December meeting. As names are drawn, winners will select a set of blocks (as displayed).

- Completed blocks arriving at the December meeting will be grouped together as a set--quilt sets or table runner sets. You will receive one entry ticket for the drawing for each block brought in that night.

LIBRARY: Kay Merz

- No updates at this time.
- *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 102 in attendance at the October meeting which includes 5 guests.
- Currently there are 211 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 November meeting or mail it to: Kathy Chitwood, 1730 Preston Centre Drive, Fenton, MO, 63026.
- Payment may be made by either check (payable to Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild) or cash. Even if nothing has changed with your information, complete the form and include it 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.

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

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

3day/2nights

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

* February 15-17, 2019.

- August 16-18, 2019.

Sue Meyer, Coordinator – Autumn retreat

suziequilt@hotmail.com

4day/3nights

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

* September 30-Oct.3, 2019

Fun Sew Day: Chris Williams

- Next Fun Sew Day is 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
 - 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.

- There are many of our members who are in need of our prayerful support:
- **Suzanne Mullaney's** husband has been undergoing radiation and infusion therapy. This is a difficult time for Suzanne so let's shower her and her dear husband with prayers and cards and calls. She sends her thanks to all of you.
- **Sandy Sagan's** daughter underwent surgery in October and her surgery was successful. She is most grateful for our prayerful support.
- **Sarah Stevens'** husband had a heart attack in mid October. They had to put a stint in and he is doing better. This has been a stressful time for Sarah so let's keep her husband and Sarah in our prayers.
- **Anne Perry's** husband went into the hospital this week for food poisoning. His symptoms are basically gone but Anne has asked for our prayerful support.
- **Ivy Osborn** is recovering from her foot surgery and will be walking in her shoe and driving very soon. She wants to thank everyone for their prayerful support and is "most grateful for her sewing friends."
- **Kathy Young** entered Saint Luke's Hospital in October for a UTI and they found a blood infection. She is on antibiotics and is feeling better. She asked for our prayers so let's back up Kathy with lots of prayerful support.
- These members need us at this time, so please take a moment to whisper a healing prayer for them or their loved ones. All of us have gone through difficult times and have felt alone, so please think of sending them an email or card or give them a call to lift their spirits. As I requested at the October Guild meeting, we don't have to personally know these members to send them a card or email. Just this quick and kind gesture can be a "life saver" for each of them.
- *Please contact me if you have any information for Sunshine and Shadow at Lkampwaugh@charter.net or call me at 314-909-8559.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cindy Pfothenhauer

- September Report is posted on website. I try to post the the monthly reports with the Bank Statement that corresponds, so it may seem to lag. Please feel free to ask questions.

- Checks are deposited as I received them. There is sometimes a delay if the committee chair is tracking what they are receiving since we only meet once a month.
- 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 Pfothenhauer at cindypfot@gmail.com, or my cell 949-413-6473.*

UFO: Francine Foilat

- The end of the year is fast approaching and your UFO's are due by the end of December. Try to bring them to the November meeting since my station will not be set up during the December party. Please contact me if you can't have them by the next meeting but will have them finished prior to the New Year.
- Start listing any Un Finished Objects you would like to complete next year. New forms will be available in the new year. Effybee534@aol.com

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THE QUILTED FOX

Spring Retreat at ToddHall

**Come join us for a great late
winter getaway!**

February 8-11th, 2019--For 4
days/3 nights a single room is
\$343; a double room is \$267 per
person. Meals are included
(begins with dinner on the first
day). **Only a few spaces re-
main so call soon to reserve**

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are available now at The Quilted
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dense wool absorbs the heat so it's
like pressing your blocks from both
sides. And the ironing mats are so
thick, the heat doesn't transfer



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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