

BITS 'N' PIECES

QUILT GUILD



Fan Mail

Salem Methodist Church ♥ 14825 Manchester Road ♥ Ballwin, MO
www.bitsnpiecesguild.com

DECEMBER 2018

Guild Meeting December 11, 2018



It's time for the Bits Holiday Party!! We will be celebrating Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the Salem Methodist Church.

Bring an appetizer or cookies to share (finger foods – nothing that requires silverware).

We're pulling out the Quilt-O cards, so bring some buttons or coins for marking those winning numbers.

Bring non-perishable food items for the Church's food bank.

The drawing for the participants of the Holiday block will be held. And we will not have a business meeting or show-and-tell due to time constraints.

Come fellowship with your quilting friends!

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Peggy Anderson at 7:06 PM.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the October Minutes be accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Pfothauer, Treasurer, stated that she found her memory stick which had been misplaced in her recent home move. Treasurer's Report will be on the website.

Announcements:

- a. Newsletter deadline is November 30, 2018.
- b. Fun Sew Day: The next Fun Sew Day will be December 1, 2018 at the Firehouse on Henry Avenue; one spot is available. There will be another Fun Sew Day on January 5, 2019. Contact Chris Williams to sign up.

Program: Phyllis Bednarek gave a brief history of the Cover Our Kids (COK) Program. Phyllis also introduced all the past coordinators for COK from the Guild. COK has collected and distributed over 300 quilts just this year. She asked everyone who has contributed hours to COK this year to stand up; she offered a magnetized nametag heart to each of these quilters who have been so giving of their time and talent. Our speaker, Margaret Mahan, was then introduced by Phyllis. Margaret was surprised by how many people attend the Bits 'N' Pieces meetings. Margaret works at Epworth Children and Family Services. She loves to see the beauty, variety, colors, and creativity that goes into all the quilts that come to Epworth for distribution to the children. The quilts are a form of love for the children; they get to keep their quilt wherever they go. Margaret gave an overview of the services and life skills training provided to homeless and displaced children in the St. Louis community; Epworth serves over 11,000 children per year. Epworth is funded through grants, donations, and as a member of the United Way. Margaret then showed a video of the Epworth Program. Epworth takes in the quilts and gives them out at a time that is appropriate based on the need of the child. Every quilt goes to a youth. Some may go out as Christmas gifts. Margaret expressed her appreciation for the quilts from our Guild.

Holiday Block: Cindy Pfothauer advised that the blocks are being gathered again tonight. Blocks can be brought in next month also. There are 4 pieces of fabric left for anyone who wants to do a block for next month.

Thank You: Peggy read a thank-you note from Deb Boschert who was our Program and Workshop instructor for October.

Holiday Party: Joyce Zepp advised that the Christmas Party is at 7 PM on Tuesday, 11 December. Bring an appetizer or dessert and bring buttons for QUILTO. Holiday blocks will be drawn at the Party.

Olympic Quilts: Margaret Gaal stated that 190 quilts have been sent up to Grand Rapids, MI for the abused gymnasts. Margaret expressed appreciation for the donated quilts.

Retreat: Susan Calzone encouraged everyone to sign up for a Retreat in 2019 if you want to attend.

Note: Anne Perry sent a message that she cannot host Nighttime Needlers next year and is asking for someone to take that over from her.

Membership: Kathy Chitwood and Nancy Stratte informed us that there were 65 people in attendance this evening and there were 6 guests. Two attendance prizes were awarded; one prize went to a guest.

UFO: Judy Hoffman asked that UFOs be completed by the end of December. UFO Challenge will begin in January for 2019 so start digging out your dusty old projects that need completion.

Sunshine and Shadow: Kathy Young, who was hospitalized recently expressed her thanks for the many cards she received from members of the Guild.

Show and Tell: Numerous quilts were displayed again this month.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM by President Peggy Anderson.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Wow! I thought we would have a slow night at the meeting, but you quilters braved the cold and the holiday chores to deliver 31 finished quilts. Then 12 more kits were taken out. Every month we are overwhelmed at the generosity of the Bits n Pieces Guild members. Thank you very much for all your work!
- In November we had 83 quilts to deliver. St. Clair Hospital received 10, Foster & Adoptive Care 19, Epworth Services 18, Cardinal Glennon 18 and Children's Hospital 18. We will deliver 18 of the November quilts to Circle of Concern and the balance to Epworth hopefully before Christmas. Then we start all over again for 2019.
- Speaking of Epworth, Margaret Mahan did a great job explaining all that they do for the at risk children. What a wonderful organization! I think we should feel proud that we are a little part of all the good.
- We will be scheduling sew dates for 2019. Our plans are to have one every other month. In the meantime keep quilting and have a wonderful Holiday Season.
- Please contact one of the following if you have questions.
 - Mary Ann Barr - (314) 607-4735
mabarr221@yahoo.com;
 - Phyllis Bednarek - (630) 319-4292 phyl-lisb4@gmail.com;
 - Penny Edinger - (636) 778-0536
jandpedinger@charter.net

GUILD PROGRAMS: John Rutkowski

- DEC 11: Holiday Party

HOLIDAY BLOCKS: Cindy Pfotenhauer

- The Holiday Blocks look fabulous!!
- Drawings will be held at the December party. Blocks brought in that night will be eligible for 1 ticket each.

LIBRARY: Kay Merz

- No updates.
- 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 65 in attendance at the November meeting which included 6 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

- Sat., Jan. 5.
- 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.

- Please let’s support the following guild members with our prayer, healthful wishes through greeting cards, and emails. Thank you.
- **Linda Biederman** had heart surgery on November 30.
- **Bonnie Brown** continues to receive chemotherapy.
- **Suzanne Mullaney’s** husband needs our prayer.
- **Merrily Wofford** celebrated 54 years of marriage.
- *Please contact me if you have any information for Sunshine and Shadow at Lkampwaugh@charter.net or call me at 314-909-8559.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cindy Pfotenhauer

- Reports will be posted for October & November on the website.
- If there any suggestions for changes to the 2019 budget, please let me know so they may be considered by the Executive Committee in January.
- Please submit all reimbursement requests at the December meeting or make other arrangements with me so we may close out 2018.
- *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.*

UFO: Francine Foilat

- The end of the year is fast approaching and your UFO's are due by the end of December.
- Start listing any Unfinished Objects you would like to complete next year. New forms will be available in the new year. Effybee534@aol.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the ladies of Cover Our Kids, Phyllis Bednarek, Mary Ann Barr, and Penny Edinger, for providing us with an enjoyable program this month. The speaker, Margaret Mahan, helped us to understand more about the teenagers with whom she works at Epworth House.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Holiday Party. Be sure to bring some canned goods to donate to the Circle of Concern.

It has been my privilege to lead this guild for the past two years. The members of our guild are so generous and caring. Thank you for the love and support you have given to me over the past two years.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

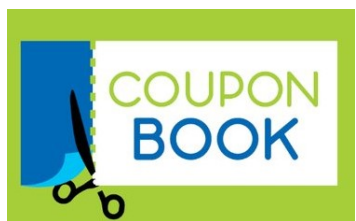
Best regards,
Peggy Anderson, President



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Annual Coupon Book

In December we will have a **gift for all of you** in appreciation for being our customer! Stop in and pick up your 2019 coupon book. For each month in 2019, there will be a coupon for you to use that will feature a different sale item. Remember—it's only available from December 1 to December 31st!!



Holiday Fabric Sale

December 26– 31, 2018
All fabrics in our holiday section
will be 20% off!
Come early for the best selection!!



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

QUILTS FOR ABUSED GYMNASTS THANKS

I want to thank you for your kindness in contributing to the lap quilt project for the Michigan U and Olympics woman gymnasts program. These 180 woman (age 12 to 40) were victims of sexual abuse and now they live in a world of survival and path of healing. We have sent 90 quilts at this time and my goal is 100 sent by December. Quilts are mailed to Drew, Cooper and Anding law firm in Grand Rapids and distributed. I don't know how many more want a quilt and I have recently inquired so we await a reply from the law firm. It may take time to gather that information.

I am humbled by the great kindness to the women who care to make a quilt for these gymnasts. To have your body, dream of Self and life broken or shattered is a deep sorrow. We have given a quilt to symbolize a hand taken to say: I care, I am sorry, my heart stands with you.

I do not know which quilt is given to any one person in the 180 recipients. I know, anyone you have seen in the news has received a quilt. Our giving is private (no media and privacy for the recipient). Lap size approx 48x54, design and colors to your liking. Place a heart either on front, or back or in the quilting.

- Margaret Gaal