



Guild Meeting February 26, 2019



Leila Gardunia



GOT SCRAPS?

We all do, but sometimes it is hard to figure out how to use them. How do you make a quilt that doesn't look like a mess?

Leila Gardunia, a self proclaimed scrap-enthusiast, will present three ways to choose fabric scraps for your quilt. Leila will share many of her scrap quilts as examples as well as her obsession with foundation

paper pieced Scrappy Triangles.

Leila Gardunia lives in Chesterfield, Missouri and when she's not cutting up fabric, you'll find her listening to audiobooks while cleaning the kitchen, working to convince her five kids and husband they really don't need to get a dog, and trying to sleep in.

Leila co-authored *You Can Quilt! Building Skills for Beginners* (AQS, 2015) and teaches a beginning piecing course, *You Can Piece!*, at iquilt.com. You can learn more about her and see more of her quilts and patterns at leilagardunia.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

Time is one of the few things that is equal for all people. Some people have more money than others. Some have more education than others. Some have more struggles than others. However, everyone has exactly twenty-four hours each day.

I have always lived by the belief that if something is important to you, then you find time for it. We all have 24 hours each day to accomplish something. Out of our 24 hours there are some necessities like sleeping, working and eating that must be attended to. After all this, there are some precious hours or minutes that can be used for quilting, reading or other types of fun. "I don't have time for that" is an excuse many people (including myself) often use. But if something is important to me then I find time for it.

This year I have decided to find time to spend at least a few minutes in my sewing room everyday. I can make a little 3 inch block in a few minutes. I will combine all these and make a quilt at the end of the year. Some days I have a few minutes and some days I have a few hours. When I have more than a few minutes I will work on quilts for the Bits N Pieces 2020 show. Whether it's a few minutes or a few hours I always leave my sewing room feeling happy. Quilting is important to me so I make time for it.

When you think about the time you have and how you want to spend it please consider volunteering for one of the open positions within the guild: quilt show chairman, salad supper chair, holiday party chair, challenge chair, or as a member of a committee. Volunteering is a great way to form new friendships and become more active within the guild. Please spend some time reviewing the meeting minutes to keep up to date with all the news.

I hope you all find time to quilt, or do whatever makes you happy this upcoming year.

Jean Goldsberry
President

THE MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2019

Call to Order: Our first meeting of 2019 was called to order at 7PM by new President, Jean Goldsberry. Jean introduced herself to the Guild.

Minutes: Minutes for the November meeting were approved as written. There were no Minutes or Business Meeting in December as we held our Christmas Party.

Announcements:

- a. Newsletter deadline Friday, January 25, 2019. Please turn in everything to Cindy Holten by this date.
- b. We are trying to get out of the business of printing and mailing newsletters. This takes time and the expense of photocopying and postage. Going forward the Guild would like everyone to obtain their newsletter from the web site (bitsnpiecesguild.com). If you do not have access to a computer or smart phone please see Jean and she will make arrangements for you to get your newsletter.
- c. Judy Humphrey has kits available tonight and a few new kits for Honor Flights; disappearing 9-patch blocks. See her at the table at the back of the room by membership.
- d. Susan Calzone mentioned that there are Retreats available; look at the website for future Retreats. January Retreat is full.
- e. The following roles are needed for guild:

Quilt Show Chairman	Christmas Block Chair
Salad Supper Chair	Holiday Party Chair
Challenge Chair	Webmaster Backup
- f. Candy Grisham is looking into our Guild becoming a Not for Profit.
- g. Carol Spindler will collect for Charity Sharity until Bonnie Brown returns. Charity Sharity prefers bags and not boxes, as bags are easier to use.

4. Treasurer: Sandy Rekowski is our new Treasurer.

a. Budget: The Board met on Tuesday, 14 January 2019 to establish the budget for 2019. Sandy passed out hardcopies of the draft budget. There were some questions from the Guild. One of the questions was about the equipment line, and Susan Calzone advised that there are irons, ironing boards, etc. owned by the Guild and stored in the basement. The 2019 Budget was approved unanimously.

b. Treasurer's Report: Sandy is learning the ropes of her new job, and she will have the Treasurer's Report posted on line by Friday, 25 January 2019.

Program: Vice President John Rutkowski introduced our speaker for the evening. Her name is Hallye Bone and she is an expert on quilt appraisals. She has been making quilts for 51 years. She wrote the book *Caring for Your Quilt* and it is presently going into 2nd Edition. She advises the best way to ship your quilts is FEDEX, but you need to ask for a signature or they will not honor the insurance. It is a good idea to have raffle quilts appraised for insurance purposes because the quilt probably cannot be replicated. If you want to donate a quilt, you need to have it appraised for you to be able to apply the donation to charities on your taxes. Red and green quilts are the most valuable quilts. She has found that the quilts she sees echo the maker's

personality; they show the soul of that quilter. Limited edition fabrics make a quilt more valuable. She then described the process she uses to appraise a quilt. The things that an appraiser looks for difficulty to construct, cost to construct, visual appeal, condition, rarity of setting, rarity of borders, historical significance, rarity of fabric, t-shirt quilts, fame of quilt (ie. juried show winner), originality of design, innovative use of color, cost of materials, compatibility of design, color and pattern, does quilting complement overall design, and fabric content. She charges \$40 per quilt for an appraisal. She recommends that a quilt be reappraised every 5 years. It takes her about 30 minutes to appraise a quilt. Hallye is the only appraiser in St. Louis; there is one other woman in the region.

6. Fun Sew Day: Chris Williams stated that they have had 50 different members attend the Fun Sew Days. Chris announced the next Fun Sew Day is on 2 February, 2 March, and 6 April. They are held at the Henry Avenue Firehouse. She wants to see another unique set of members to attend. If you don't have time to participate, then come for a visit.

7. Baggie Blocks: Sue Meyer showed the baggie blocks for Cover Our Kids. She appreciates all the help she gets and she has put together several tops with these baggie blocks so far.

8. Cover Our Kids: Phyllis Bednarek advised a sew day for Cover Our Kids will be announced on the website or by email as soon as it gets scheduled.

9. National Workshops: Marsha Bray announced a speaker for May 28; Callie Hargiss who is a certified 'Cynthia England' instructor. She will do the Guild Program on Tuesday night and then there will be 2 full day workshops on Wednesday and Thursday. You can see color photos of the workshops by going to the website and clicking on Workshops.

10. UFO: Francine Boillat announced the UFO winners for 2018. She advised that she has UFO forms for entry this year. Winners were 3rd-Susan Calzone, 2nd-Shirley Handling, and 1st-Charlene Martin.

11. Block of the Month: Cindy Pfotenbauer asked for opinions about BOM for this year. The group decided by vote that they know the pattern (no Mystery), and that the quilt be a wall sized quilt (not a table runner).

12. Membership: Nancy Straate and Kathy Chitwood announced that there were 90 women in attendance this evening. There were 2 attendance prizes awarded to Peggy Anderson, and Charlene Martin. There were 4 guests and 2 new members this evening.

13. Show and Tell: So many beautiful quilts!!! Thank you for sharing!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Strebeck Bits 'N' Pieces Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOM: Cindy Pfothenhauer

- I had lots of fun with last year's Mystery Quilt. Please be sure to bring in your completed quilts to show all of us. They will now count on your UFO list!
- I have made a decision for this year's BOM quilt. I will have a completed top at our next meeting. The wall size quilt will be 57" X 68" depending on how wide you make your border. There will also be an option to increase the size of your quilt to 76" X 87" by making additional blocks for another border.
- My sample will probably be in one color family (lights, mediums and darks). This quilt is very fat quarter friendly. It will be important to have contrast to show off your blocks. Your background should be a light tone on tone (beiges, whites) and may be all one fabric or scrappy.

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

- Thanks to everyone that braved the cold rainy January meeting and brought COK some beautiful quilts. We received 17 finished quilts, 4 finished tops, 11 kits were taken out, and 4 finished tops were donated. It was a great and busy night. Thank you all!
- We certainly missed everyone at the January Sew date. The weather and roads were questionable so we decided to cancel, but we still missed you.
- Hopefully our new sew date of **Friday, February 15**, will have better weather. We meet at the church where we have the meetings. Starting at 9:30 a.m. and leaving about 3:30 p.m. You can bring your lunch (there is a refrigerator), or you can go out to get lunch. Come for all day or just for a few hours. We will be getting kits together and cutting batting. If you would like to quilt or piece a kit that would be great. Just bring your sewing machine and tools. There's always lots to do. Hope to see you on the 15th.
- Sue Meyer has two baggy blocks ready to be picked up at the COK table. Be sure to visit and pick up a bag or two at the February meeting. Sue always has such good ideas.
- Have a great February! All this cold weather gives us more time to quilt.

- 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

LIBRARY: Kay Merz

- As we think of the upcoming quilt show, perhaps there is a new or unique border or finishing touch you would like to add to your quilt. Your Guild has recently purchased Borders and Finishing Touches with Bonnie Browning which just might give you some inspiration. "Whether you are making a contest quilt or keeping warm on a frosty night, finishing touches make all the difference!" This is a dvd quilt class from AQS and contains all the information provided in the on-line class. It covers mastering mitered borders and adding piping, making easy shark's teeth and prairie points, constructing a mitered binding from a bias strip and making a two sided binding. I hope you will check out this new dvd. This dvd is one of many dvd's and quilting books available to Guild members. If you are just wanting to relax and enjoy curling up with a good book, don't forget the many quilt related novels your library has to enjoy. Be sure to take advantage of these great opportunities.
- You will also find numerous books on various quilting and piecing techniques. If you are just wanting to relax and enjoy curling up with a good book, 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 90 in attendance at the January meeting which includes 4 new members and 4 guests. Currently there are 126 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.*

RETREATS

Toddhall in Columbia, IL

- Our guild offers several retreats each year for our members. 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

- 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

2019 Dates: Mar 2, Apr 6

- For more information about the Fun Sew Days, look on the Bits website under Guild Activities.
- Location: West County EMS & Fire Administrative Offices at 223 Henry Ave., Manchester MO 63011
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sign up at Bits meetings or contact Chris Williams directly at cwwill@earthlink.net.

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Vaughn.

Please support the following guild members with our prayers and good wishes through greeting cards, and emails:

- **Nancy Sinise's** father-in-law, 94, died this month. He was very alert and active for his age and will be lovingly remembered.
- **Polly Sievert** was named artist of the week at Art4U Gallery in Springfield, Illinois, where she exhibits and sells her fiber art. Congrats, Polly!
- *Please contact me if you have any information for Sunshine and Shadow at Lkampvaughn@charter.net or call me at 314-909-8559.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sandy Rekowski

- The 2019 Approved Budget and January Budget Report can be found in the Members Only section of the website. Feel free to review and contact me if you have questions.
- I'd like to point out I have a new email for guild business. Please use this if you want to contact me via email: sandyrekowski@yahoo.com.
- Check Request and Reimbursement forms are available on the website. Please submit original receipts for your reimbursements. The guild's website has the "Income Submittal" and "Check Request" forms. Please use them for all money transactions. Be sure to get the Committee Chairperson's initials on the Check Request form approving the budget item.

UFO: Francine Boillat

- UFO = Un Finished Objects so if you have any unfinished objects you want to complete this year, now is the time to list them on 2019 UFO form that can be found on the Bits n Pieces Web page or at the UFO table on Guild Meeting nights.
- Please fill out the form with your name and a list of the projects you would like to get finished with the date it was started and when done. The size of the quilt must be listed, the project totally completed, and then shown during show and tell.
- At the end of the year prizes are given out for the persons with the highest amount of total square inches completed. These forms are due back to me by the April Guild meeting.
- If you have questions, please see me at the UFO table or send me an email. Hope to hear from lots of members.

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THE QUILTED FOX

Super Bowl Sunday Sale !!!!!

Sale!! February 3, 2019

11:00 am-4:00 pm

100's of fabrics on sale!!!!

Come in and check our sale table!

Books and patterns on sale too!!!!

Paducah Bus Trips April 24 -- 26, 2019

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, Wednesday through Friday. Sign up now to hold your seat! It's only \$61 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

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