



Guild Meeting June 25, 2019



Kathi Eubank has been working in judging rooms – local to national – for several years and is a National Association of Certified Quilt Judges (NACQJ) certified quilt judge.

For over ten years she worked on the show committee for Machine Quilters Showcase (MQS®) where she was Judging Room Coordinator from 2011-2016. Kathi also served on the Board of Directors for International Machine Quilters Association from 2014-2016 and was Managing Editor of On Track! Magazine from 2011 to 2016. She is Past President of the Central Arkansas Longarm Association and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Hot Springs Village Quilt Guild.

Kathi is a national award-winning longarm quilter who applies her knowledge and expertise of quilting when judging. Her attention to detail allows her to efficiently evaluate the quilts that she judges while taking into consideration that each and every quilt is special to its maker. Kathi also offers guild lectures and classes on what a judge looks for when examining a quilt and what it takes to become an award-winning quilter.

Kathi and her husband live high in the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains of central Arkansas. They enjoy traveling around the world during which time Kathi can be found sketching out patterns found in architecture that she then incorporates into her quilting designs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

Let's all go streaking. Does this paint a mental picture? Uh...I'm not talking about that kind of streaking. There are many definitions of streaking. I am referring to the definition, "an uninterrupted series"- like when the Cardinals are on a winning streak. I want to encourage you to go on a quilting streak. Quilt for at least 15 minutes each day and see how long a streak you can have. Some of you may already be on a long quilting streak. I try to spend some time quilting each day but some days I go to bed and realize I did not quilt that day. I am going to go on a quilting streak.

The speaker at May's meeting showed us how to do picture piecing. I was lucky enough to attend one of her workshops. At the end of the day we all came home with an unfinished project. I want to finish that project - a good reason to go on a quilting streak.

The guild's challenge was revealed at the meeting. I am excited about this challenge and can't wait to see the beautiful whole cloth quilts that will be made. Another reason to go on a quilting streak.

The quilt show committee is meeting regularly and planning for the upcoming 2020 quilt show. We all need to think about finishing quilts for the show. Let's all go streaking! (Quilt Streaking that is.)

Jean Goldsberry
President

THE MINUTES

MAY 28, 2019

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7PM by President Jean Goldsberry. Minutes were approved by the Guild, as written. Jean started the meeting with a joke.
2. Program: Candy Grisham introduced our National Speaker for this evening, Callie Hargiss. Callie is from Farmington and was originally from Idaho. Callie has other interests in genealogy, music, her church, her large family, and just completed her presidency of the Quilt Guild in Farmington. She does many custom and traditional quilts and she shared some of these in her slideshow. Cynthia and Callie have become friends as Callie has become the first certified instructor in the Cynthia England Paper Piecing Method; Cynthia is the creator of picture piecing. Callie passed out a pattern for an ice cream cone and walked us through the Paper Piecing Method. There is a Cynthia England authored book entitled Picture Piecing that Callie referenced. Callie also demonstrated a tool called a proportional scale that will help the quilter determine the enlargement of the photograph to the desired size of the final quilt. It is available on the Cynthia England website (www.englishdesign.com). Callie showed several samples of her paper piecing works that are available as patterns and kits.
3. Announcements:
 - a. All items for the Newsletter are due to Cindy Holten by Friday, 31 May 2019.
 - b. You may show Cindy Pfothenauer your completed BOM blocks at the break for the BOM drawing.
 - c. Tonight will be the first drawing for selling quilt raffle tickets. Turn your sold tickets in at break. If you have not picked up your tickets, be sure to pick them up. We ask each member to sell 24 tickets.
 - d. Margaret Gaal is selling tickets for the Calico Needlers raffle quilt.
 - e. Let Sue Meyer know if you can help for the salad supper in July. Four volunteers stepped up to help.
 - f. Hearts 'n' Hands is holding a quilt show on 8-9 June at Whiteside Middle School in Belleville, IL. June 8th the hours are 10A-5P; June 9th the hours are 11A-4P. Whiteside Middle School is located at 111 Warrior Way at Lebanon Avenue in Belleville, IL. Admission is \$7; children are free. (www.heartsnhandsqUILT.org/quilt-show)
4. <<Break>>
5. Workshops: Candy Grisham announced that the workshops are at Jackman's tomorrow. Tracy and Val will be the contact people for tomorrow. Sandra Bruce will be coming in August. She is known for her quilting with text. There will be Tuesday and Wednesday workshops. The first will be texting on quilts, and the second will be matrix quilting from a photograph.
6. Honor Flight: Judy Humphreys is getting better after her eye surgery. Honor flight is chartering an entire plane in October. Please bring in Honor Flight quilts or pick up a kit for an Honor Flight quilt and it would be great to complete it by October.
7. Salad Supper, etc: Sue Meyer announced that Salad Supper is July 23rd at 630P. Bring 3 fat quarters of bright florals for Right, Left, Center game. Bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. There are still openings for the August Retreat. Sue has baggie blocks for us to pick up. There will be a drawing.
8. BOM: Cindy Pfothenauer displayed the finished quilt top made from the BOM blocks. Cindy and Margaret Gaal held the drawing for those who finished the required BOM blocks for this month.
9. Guild Challenge: Cindy Pfothenauer and Margaret Gaal presented the Guild Challenge for this year. The Challenge is intended to show off quilting versus piecing. Rules: One piece of any solid fabric, any thread, 3 layers and a finished edge. Labeled. Due at October meeting. Hand quilting 18" square. Domestic Machine 18" square. Longarm 36" square.
10. Quilt Show: Darla Gibson stated that there was a short Quilt Show Meeting this evening as the earlier meeting was cancelled due to weather. The chosen charity for the quilt raffle is the Fischer House. There will be a Guild "featured quilter" this year. Anyone can be nominated. We will vote on the quilter. There will be a process for each of us to get to know the quilters prior to the voting. Donations are being accepted for the raffles at the Quilt Show; finished projects and sewing articles are needed.
11. Raffle Quilts: Pricilla Kosednar presented the strategy for the Raffle Quilt ticket raffle. Tickets were earned by individuals selling raffle tickets or by working the shop hops. We have earned \$438 so far from the quilt raffle. Individual selling is very important. The ticket raffle went to Jean Weber. The next drawing will be in August.
12. Membership: There were 91 people in attendance in this meeting, and we had 3 guests and 2 new members joined this evening. Kathy Stratte held a drawing for two attendance prizes.
13. Other Announcements: There were dog bed bags available at the back of the room. The quilter places scraps in the dog bed bag, and when it is full, the bed can be donated to the Humane Society.
14. Show and Tell: About 20 quilters showed off their projects this evening. Numerous quilts were given to Cover Our Kids. Way to go!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Strebeck
Bits 'N' Pieces Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOM: Cindy Pfothauer

- Instructions for all of the blocks are on the Bits' Website. Blocks 4 & 5 have been added and are due at the July meeting. I will not be at the June meeting—Vacation!
- There will be a prize drawing held for each of these blocks.
- Please feel free to email me (cindypfot@gmail.com) if you have any questions or if you want to be added to the email list. You are already on the list if you are receiving my emails.
- I am happy to give assist with any construction questions you have in making the blocks. I want this to be easy for beginners as well as fun for those with experience. Just think: you'll have a completed quilt for our 2020 show!

CHALLENGE: Cindy Pfothauer, Margaret Gaal

- The Bits 'N' Pieces 2019 Challenge was revealed.
- The Challenge is intended to show off quilting versus piecing.
- Rules: One piece of any solid fabric, any thread, 3 layers and a finished edge.
- Sizes: Hand quilting 18" square. Domestic Machine 18" square. Longarm 36" square. Labeled.
- Due at the October meeting.
- Additional information may be found on the BnP website under Guild Activities.

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

- May was another great meeting for COK. We received 22 finished quilts and 3 kits were taken out by our great members. Also, whenever we need an extra job like binding or labels there is always a volunteer willing to take the job home.
- The Bits n Pieces Guild members are amazing on how giving of their time and even fabric. Again, we thank all of you that make COK so successful.
- There is not a sew date scheduled for June. We will set one for the end of July or August. The information should be ready by the next meeting.
- Have a great June and keep quilting!
- *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

- Finally, we have sunshine and less rain as we approach summer. Hopefully you are finding time to work on wonderful projects for our upcoming quilt show.
- If you are looking for something different to try, you may be interested in the library's latest addition. The book titled, "Strip-Pieced Bargello" by Judith Steele is now available in our library. This book inspires you to make mesmerizing bargello quilts with the easy-to-follow instructions and charts which are included. This book includes several different patterns for table runner, wall hanging, tote, tree skirt or larger quilt. Armed with Judith's tools, tips, and techniques, as well as her smart methods for staying organized, you'll be ready to make your first—or your 21st bargello beauty. I am anxious to see what you come up with. This book is one of many quilting books and DVDs available to Guild members.
- *If you just want to relax and enjoy curling up with a good book, don't forget the many quilt related novels your library provides for your enjoyment. 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

- Tonight we had 91 persons in attendance May 28th, 2019.
- We also had 2 new members sign up for the Guild.
- *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.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

RETREATS

Toddhall in Columbia, IL

- Our guild offers several retreats each year for our members. Attendees work on projects of their choosing. If a retreat is full you can ask to be put on a wait-list.
- For detailed information see our website under Guild Activities, Retreats or contact a coordinator. Come as a single or join another guild member. Either way you are sure to have fun and become acquainted with other guild members.
- Sign-up with the designated 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

4 day / 3 night minimum

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

- January 15-18, 2020; add-on day January 14.

Laurie Schrader, Coordinator – Weekend retreats

laurieaschrader@gmail.com

3 day / 2 nights

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

- August 2,3,4 2019.

Currently full, taking wait-list sign-ups.

Sue Meyer, Coordinator – Autumn Retreat

suziequilt@hotmail.com

4 day / 3 nights

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

- September 30-Oct.3, 2019

A few more openings. Sign-up soon to ensure a place..

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.

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

- **Ginger Carter** fell and broke her hip and had surgery in early May. She is in rehab and is doing well and hopes to be back home very soon.
- **Judy Humphrey** had eye surgery and is doing well.
- **Suzanne Mullaney** brought her husband, Joe, home from the hospital. He is very weak and will receive steroids and later chemo therapy. Suzanne is very grateful for your prayers and cards.

- **Penny Edinger** and her husband lost their daughter, Laura, after a long battle with cancer. Arrangements are being made in Denver.
- **Mary Ann Stark's** daughter, Christine, has a spot on her lung and liver. Christine has battled breast cancer and pancreatic cancer 4 years ago and is raising a young family through it all.
- **Zeynep Austill** has been battling bone and blood cancer for several years, and the cancer has risen to a dangerously high level. She will begin chemo therapy in June in preparation for a stem cell infusion.
- **Barb Philbrick's** husband, Dick, has advanced kidney cancer. He has been through tests, treatments, and surgery in the last few weeks.
- **Sandy Sagan's** husband, Bob, was in the hospital for surgery. He is home recuperating.

Please continue to storm heaven with prayer for each one of our members and their loved ones. I know they would appreciate cards and emails to let them know you are thinking 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: Sandy Rekowski

- No updates at this time.
- *The Treasurer's Report can be found in the Members Only section of the website. Feel free to review and contact me if you have questions. Email: sandyrekowski@yahop.com.*
- *Please remember to turn your raffle ticket money and ticket stubs to Cindy Pfothenauer or someone on the raffle ticket committee. Tickets and cash should not be sent to me.*
- *Check Request and Reimbursement forms are available on the website. Please submit original receipts for your reimbursements. Get the Committee Chairperson's initials on Check Request forms approving the budget item.*

UFO: Francine Boillat

- No updates at this time.
- 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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YOUR FANFARE OF QUILTS 2020 - March 21-22, 2020

QUILT SHOW CHAIR: Darla Gibson

- Plans continue for Fanfare of Quilts 2020. The Committee is working hard on plans to make the show a success! BUT we can't do it without everyone's help!
- What can you do? Please work on your quilts to put in the show. March is not that far from now but we will start asking for entries in the fall. So, start working on your plans for getting those beautiful quilts ready!
- Also, we will be supporting Fisher House for our charity raffle. The raffle team will need donations of small finished items, fabric, notions, etc. (See "Wanted" ad)
- Start thinking about items that you might have made that you can donate. Or, items that you purchased like fat quarters or precuts that you can't remember why you bought them! I know you have them!
- The next committee meeting will be June 4th at Darla's office. We will continue to share decisions and information as we move forward. Don't hesitate to reach out to me at ddgibby64@yahoo.com if you have any questions!

WANTED

YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE CHARITY RAFFLE

Quilting Supplies, Notions, Tools, Fabric (Fat Quarters or larger, precuts), Kits, Books, Small Finished Quilted Items (Table tops, Placemats, Potholders, Bowl Cozy, Zippered Pouches), etc.

All proceeds from the raffle ticket sales will go to the:

Fisher House Foundation

An international not-for-profit organization established to improve the quality of life for members of the military, retirees, and veterans and their families.

<https://www.fisherhouse.org/>

Donations will be accepted at the beginning of each monthly meeting until February 2020 (one month prior to our Quilt Show).

RAFFLE QUILT: Priscilla Kosednar

- The Rose of Sharon raffle quilt is back from Paducah and has an additional label that reads:

**Proudly juried, judged, and exhibited at
Spring AQS Quiltweek Paducah, KY 2019.**

- Check it out and also take a look at the custom quilting from the back. It is pretty spectacular, too.
- We are off to a good start with ticket sales. Each member has an envelope with 24 tickets, a picture of the quilt and selling directions. If you have not picked up your envelope, be sure to do so at the June meeting.
- Additional tickets are always available. All members are asked to sell at least 24 tickets, plus you can win prizes. Jean Weber won our first prize at the May meeting.



Traveling this Summer

to see family and friends?

Don't forget to pick up your Raffle Quilt tickets!
AND EXTRA tickets can be picked up at any guild meeting before you go!

- Our next event will be at Jackman's in Creve Coeur on July 4th and 5th. There are a few more openings for volunteers. Please follow the link to Signup Genius on the Members Only web page.
- The Memorial Day event at Jackman's in Illinois was very successful. It is fun to talk with enthusiastic quilters.
- We have received some very good ideas for future selling venues. We are investigating these, but we can always use more. Please contact any committee member with your suggestions.
- If you need more information about the Rose of Sharon Raffle Quilt please refer to the April newsletter (pages 11 and 12) and the Quilt Show 2020 tab at the top of the home page.

To ALL Members



**To
Fanfare of Quilts 2020
294 days
As of 6/1/19**

**How many of these questions
can you answer, “Yes!” to?
Have you**

- Chosen your quilt pattern?
- Purchased your fabric?
- Checked your stash?
- Thought about a quilt design?
- Started your quilt?
- Finished a quilt?
- Made a label for your quilt?
- Sewn a hanging sleeve?
- Will you have a quilt in the show?

Honor Flight Quilts

★ I've just learned that the Greater St Louis Honor Flight will be chartering a plane for the October flight and they will have 60 veterans going.

★ Since I usually give quilts out on the October and November flights, I'm asking if you have a kit and can possibly finish it by September, I think we can still provide quilts for these two flights.

★ I will try to have kits available to those who would like to make a quilt.

★ Thank you so much for all you do.

Judy Humphrey

GROUP SEW DAYS

- **Mon JUN 10 Scraps**
 - Coordinator : Nancy Muskopf,
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details. khamn@att.net
- **Sat AUG 3 Fun Sew Day**
 - Coordinator : Chris Williams;
 - cwill@earthlink.net
 - 9 - 5 At West Co EMS & Fire Admin Ofc
 - Contact Coordinator for details.

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You are cordially invited to a
Summer Garden Party
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Salem Methodist Church

ATTIRE FOR THE EVENING

Your finest summer apparel.
Flowery dresses, tops, and hats are encouraged.

WHAT TO BRING

A Dish to share

Appetizers: Meat and cheese trays, Dips with crackers,
or tiny sandwiches

Salads: Pasta, fruit or vegetable

Desserts: Cake, cookie bars, cookies, or mini muffins

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment for the evening will be the game
“Left Right Center”

Please bring 3 fat quarters of bright floral fabric

DONATION

The church is always looking for donations for Circle of Concern.

Please donate a non-perishable food item.

For your convenience, the cart will be near the door for drop off.

