

Guild Meeting July 23, 2019



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

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

Quilters are nice people. Last month my husband and I traveled the Highway 36 quilt trail across northern Missouri. There are 15 quilt shops on the trail. We did not stop at all of them, but did visit seven. Some shops were storefronts in the downtown area of a small town. One was in the basement of a house in the country. One was in a trailer on a farm. No matter where the shop, I found that they were filled with friendly, happy people and beautiful fabrics. I feel the same about our local shops around St. Louis. If you want to meet kind, helpful people and buy beautiful fabric then visit a quilt shop.

I feel the same way about our guild, it is also filled with friendly, happy people and beautiful fabric. I find the more involved I get with the guild the more kind, happy people that I meet. Research has shown that friendships keep you active, your mind sharper and are good for overall health. So being active in a quilt guild is not only fun, it is good for you.

In July be sure to come to the salad supper where we will eat and enjoy the company of our fellow, happy quilters. It is good for your health.

Jean Goldsberry
President

THE MINUTES

June 25, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7PM by Jean Goldsberry, President.

Approval of Minutes: There was one amendment to the Minutes: Last sentence change "My" to "Our." This change has been made and was forwarded to Cindy Holten for inclusion in the official copy of the Minutes. The Minutes were then approved as amended.

Announcements:

a. Newsletter deadline is Friday, 28 June 2019. Please get all information into Cindy Holten by this time.

b. The July meeting will be the Salad Supper. Please bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share. If you volunteered to help Sue Meyer with setup please arrive at 5:30 PM. Please wear your finest summer outfit; a flowery dress, blouse, and hat are encouraged, as this is a Summer Garden Party. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. Please bring 3 fat quarters to play "Left, Right, Center." There will be no Show and Tell, Free Table, or Business Meeting the night of the Salad Supper.

c. Please do not send any Sunshine and Shadow emails to Linda Waugh from 26 June through 19 July as she is on vacation. Please send Sunshine and Shadow emails to Cindy Holten.

d. There is a new access system to the Salem Methodist Church building. There is no longer a key as now we use a key fob; security has become tighter.

e. Points to ponder: Officers serve a two-year term for Bits 'N' Pieces. In January, we will need a new Vice President and Secretary. In August, the President will be looking for a Nominating Committee to assist in filling these 2 positions. Let Jean Goldsberry know if you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee or in taking on either the V.P or Secretary position.

f. There were raffle tickets available for a quilt on display at the meeting this evening.

g. There are 2 complimentary tickets available for a quilt show in Mountain Home, AR on 16-18 October for anyone who might want them, please contact Jean Goldsberry.

Program: Our speaker was introduced by our Vice President, John Rutkowski. Kathi Eubank is a certified quilt judge with NACQJ; the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges. Her presentation was entitled "What Does a Judge Look For?" She is from Hot Springs Village, AR. She said that she finds many people who are reticent to put a quilt in a show because they are afraid to find out everything that is wrong with the quilt. Judges ordinarily find things that went well with the quilt and only try to find one thing that can be easily corrected for future improvement. She most often sees long quilt lines that are not straight which is completely unsatisfactory. She has a vast background in quilting and in quilt judging. When judging she looks for:

- General Appearance
- Meets the Entry Rules
- Lies Flat and Hangs Straight
- Free of Design Errors
- Workmanship

After she judges each quilt (spending 2-3 minutes per quilt), she then must select Best in Category, Special Awards, Best in Show. She makes the Best of Show selection based on Complexity of Design, Degree of Difficulty, and Workmanship.

Quilt Show: Darla Gibson advised that since our Quilt Show is not juried, everyone can hang a quilt in it and encouraged everyone in the guild to have a quilt in the show. There will also be plenty of work to do so let us know when you can volunteer to work on the weekend of the Quilt Show; there will be 2-hour shifts available all weekend in addition to setup.

At the show, we will honor our members who have passed away by hanging at least one of their quilts with a biography about that quilter.

Joyce Zepp will be in charge of all the group quilts.

There is a white bag charity raffle; these are of handmade items that are beautiful but no longer needed or loved, unused kits, notions, etc. for raffle to the attendees who purchase raffle tickets. Margie Whitehead and Linda Witte are responsible for gathering items for the white bag raffle. All proceeds will go to the Fischer House (an organization that helps the families of hospitalized children).

Please put your quilts in the show. There are numerous categories: applique, pieced, art, antique, BOM, home accessories, garments and purses, Challenge quilts, beginner quilts, workshop quilts. Darla mentioned that all quilts need to have been made by a member of the guild due to space limitations. If you are a longarm quilter as a business, and a customer has a wonderful piece that you quilted, these quilts are not to be entered into the show. To enter a quilt in the show, the show committee needs a 4x6 photograph of the quilt. There will be an option on the application 1) I want this quilt in the show and the committee will do everything they can to put this quilt in the show; and 2) it would be nice if this quilt could be put in the show which the committee will put in the show as space avails. One of these choices should be chosen on each quilt application. Darla also has instructions on how to make a sleeve for your quilts on display at the show.

There will be a featured quilter. Tamara Phelps explained the criteria and process for nominating the featured quilter. You may nominate yourself or others; there is a form that was passed out that needs to be filled out so that there is a reason and a common understanding of the talents of the quilter, her body of work, and whether the quilter is best representative for featured quilter for our show. Nominations for the Featured Quilter are due by the July Meeting. The Committee will vet the quilter for their ability to support; then in September there will be a sample of the quilter's work, and there will be a vote from the membership. Quilt Show applications for entering quilts in the show will be available in August. Applications will be due at the January Meeting. Quilts (completed with sleeves) will be due in early March.

Raffle Quilt Tickets: Priscilla Kosednar announced that the next event is on 4-5 July at Jackman's and volunteers are needed; sign up on Sign-Up Genius. We have sold 25% of the quilt raffle tickets. There are more tickets available anytime.

THE MINUTES

Margaret Gaal: The Quilt Challenge is a Whole Cloth Quilt. The objective is to show off the quilting, so quilting is to be done on a plain solid piece of fabric. Deadline for the Challenge is the October Meeting. Domestic machine quilting format is 18"x18", Hand quilting format is 18"x18", Longarm quilting format is 36"x36". All members are encouraged to participate in this Challenge.

Fun Sew Days: Christine Williams announced that the next Fun Sew Days are 3 August, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November, 7 December at the Firehouse on Henry Avenue. All are welcome, especially those who have never attended a Fun Sew Day. Anyone can come by to visit without signing up.

Cover Our Kids: Phyllis Bednarek read a personal letter from the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition to the COK quilters thanking us for our beautiful quilts. They are so grateful and the quilts make the kids feel so special. Often the children come in to them with nothing except the clothing they have on so the gift of a quilt is a significant thing for them to have as their own.

Workshops: Candy Grisham described the two workshops that will be offered in August by Sandra Bruce. Marsha Bray and Candy also will do a one-block-wonder class in the Fall.

<<Break>>

Membership: Kathy Chitwood and Nancy Stratte advised that we got one new member and had one guest this evening. Two attendance prizes were drawn and presented.

Other Announcements: Kathi Eubank, our speaker for this evening, invited all to attend their quilt show. Village Quilt Show, 20-21 September 2019, Benton Event Center, 17322 I-30, North Benton, AR.

Kathi Eubank also stated that she is available for judging at quilt shows. She can be reached at: Kathi Eubank, NACQ Certified Judge, 6 Cozar Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR, 71909. Phone: 501-209-2362. Email: kathieubank@gmail.com.

Show and Tell: Two quilts were completed and shown from the workshops last month. There were approximately 17 quilters who had many lovely quilts for Show and Tell. Very inspiring!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Strebeck
Bits 'N' Pieces Secretary

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).



**To
Fanfare of Quilts 2020
211 days
As of 7/1/19
(7/1/19 to 1/28/20)
(Until Reg. Forms are Due)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOM: Cindy Pfotenhauer

- No updates.
- 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.

CHALLENGE: Cindy Pfotenhauer, Margaret Gaal

- The Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Challenge 2019 is a Whole Cloth Quilt. The objective is to show off the quilting, so quilting is to be done on a plain solid piece of fabric.
- Domestic machine quilting format is 18"x18", Hand quilting format is 18"x18", Longarm quilting format is 36"x36".
- Deadline for the Challenge is the October Meeting. All members are encouraged to participate in this Challenge.
- Additional information may be found on the BnP website under Guild Activities.

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

- COK received 21 beautiful quilts at the June meeting. Although we keep saying, "Thank you!" every month, it is a very sincere, "Thank You".
- It is really a fun day when we take the quilts to the recipients, especially to the Foster and Adoptive Care and Epworth Center. Sometimes they take pictures and the case workers are excited that they will have quilts to give. So know you are doing a good thing, and again, "Thank You!" for all your work in providing these quilts.
- We have a large number of strips and brought some up for everyone to strip sew 10.5" squares at the June meeting. These should make fun and colorful quilts. We still have plenty if anyone wants to help with this project and pick up strips in August.
- We are still working on an August sew date and will send out a blast when we set a time with the church. We have a good inventory of kits, but if we don't keep up before long we will be running out and we have to keep all of you sewing and quilting. Happy 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

- Now it looks like the rain is behind us and we are probably approaching really hot and humid weather that seems to be typical of our St Louis summers. After an early morning on

the deck with coffee, this might be a great time to enjoy the air conditioning of our homes and do some sewing in preparation of our upcoming quilt show.

- If you are looking for some quilting inspiration, you might look to our Guild Library. Your Guild has just added an iQuilt DVD titled "Quilting Makes a Difference" by Judi Madsen. In this amazing class DVD you will learn the traditional approach as you stitch feathers that flow. Then you will cover modern quilting using straight-line designs filled with fabulous details. Learn how to make not so ordinary feathers, loops and double loops, a circle in a circle, swirls and pebbles and more quilt-enhancing fills. Create one traditionally quilted piece and then one with a distinctively modern edge all in one class on this DVD. This DVD is one of many quilting books and DVD's 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 provides for your enjoyment. Be sure to take advantage of these great opportunities.
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- 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 89 in attendance at the June meeting which includes one new member and one guest. Currently there are 191 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!**

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

- *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 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:

- **Betsey Gardner's** grandson, Greyson Weathers, age seven, is recovering from open-heart surgery. He's going to have a quieter summer than he might wish. Please keep Greyson and his parents in your prayers.
- **Suzanne Mullaney** and her husband Joe had their family vacation in Florida and are back home. Joe is holding his own. Please continue to your support and prayers.

- **Zeynep Austill** who has cancer continues to need us! Please let's storm heaven for her And shower her with our love and support these weeks.
- **Eliane Ezra**, a member of our guild, passed away after losing her 17 month battle with cancer. Please pray for her husband and children.
- **Sherry Ann Cordover** has mitral valve heart repair surgery in early June. She is recuperating and will appreciate your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.
- **Shirley Donovan** is recuperating at home after having a quadruple bypass and she is doing well. She will appreciate your thoughts and continued prayer.
- **Mary Ann Stark** is most grateful to all of our guild for the cards and prayer of support she has received for her daughter Christine. Please keep up your prayerful support.
- **Sue Meyer** had foot surgery In mid June and will appreciate prayers and cards of support.

Please continue to storm heaven with prayers 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

- 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@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 and get the Committee Chairperson's initials on Check Request forms approving the budget item.
- For Quilt Show Committee members, please remember to submit your forms with budget categories listed. Thanks!

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

- I continue to be pleasantly surprised and delighted with the Guild Members! Each time I have had a need for a Committee Chair, all I have to do is ask! Patti Moreland has graciously accepted putting together the In Memoriam Quilts. Thank you so much Patti, I know you will do a lovely job!
- This month, the Committee introduced a new format for Featured Quilter. We will accept nominations for a Featured Quilter between now and the July 23rd meeting. We are looking for someone that the guild feels will represent us well to the community at our quilt show. This can be anyone that you feel has an excellent quilting reputation, maybe someone who has worked diligently in the guild, taught classes or has other accomplishments. You may nominate yourself or any current member of the guild.
 - Note: Since the Salad Supper is July 23, I will be there to pick up any Featured Quilter Nomination forms.
- Once the Show Committee gets the nominations back, we will do a little research and make sure the person is willing, has a body of work that can be shown at the show and is available to be at the show! You only have to give us the name and why you feel this person is the best option for Featured Quilter. We will do the rest.
- Then, in September, we will present the slate of nominees to the guild with a short report and ask for the members to vote. This will give the person selected time to work on the items to be displayed at the show in March.
- Please submit your nominations via email to Tamara Phelps at tjphelps837@att.net. You can use the form, or just send a short statement via email. If there is any problem with her email, you can use my email ddgibby64@yahoo.com or snail mail the forms to:
Tamra Phelps
837 LaBonne Parkway
Manchester, MO 63021
- Other things to remember: Keep thinking about what quilts you want to display at the show. Make sure these quilts have labels and sleeves on the back. There are lots of instructions on how to add a sleeve, one is on our website – here's the link: <http://www.bitsnpiecesquilt.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Quilt-Sleeve-Instructions.pdf>
- We need items for the White Bag Raffle for Fisher House. If you have small finished items that you would like to make or have made to donate, or if you have a set of fat quarters, unused notions, etc... that you would like to donate, please contact Margie Whitehead at hollysmom57@aol.com or Lynn DeWitt at velindadewitt@sbcglobal.net.
- We can't wait until March!

RAFFLE QUILT: Priscilla Kosednar

- We are a quarter of the way through the raffle quilt campaign and we are on pace to meet our goal. Keep up the good work. Each member has an envelope with 24 tickets, a picture of the quilt and selling direction. If you have not picked up your envelope, please do so at the July guild meeting.
- At the Salad Dinner this month, there will be a brief presentation about how the quilt was created and the Paducah experience.
- The next prize for selling tickets will be at the August meeting. We will also have a status report on who is in the lead for the prize given to the member who sells the most tickets.
- If you need more information about the A-Team's 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.



Traveling this Summer
to see family and friends?

Don't forget to pick up your Raffle Quilt tickets!

EXTRA tickets can be picked up at any guild meeting before you go!

WORKSHOP IN AUGUST

Coming August 27 & 28 - Sign-ups will start soon!

Sandra Bruce - Art Quilter and Long Arm Quilter

Sandra's career in illustration and lettering carries into her skills as a quilter and quiltartist. She is an art quilter specializing in a technique she calls "Material Matrix". On Tuesday, August 27th she's teaching "The ABC's of Stitching Words" which will teach you how to create letterforms with your sewing machine. Using free-motion, she will show you how to connect letters and ideas on how to arrange them. This is great for signing your quilts, making labels, and adding that special greeting or sentiment into your quilts. There will be a variety of small projects offered in the workshop to practice writing with your machine.



At the meeting on Tuesday night, Sandra will give a talk called "It's All About Words", and explore a bit of history of how words have played a part in quilts, along with lots of ideas on how to incorporate words into your quilts and sewing projects. It's full of visuals and will inspire you to try it!

On Wednesday, Sandra will teach an all day workshop on her technique she calls Material Matrix. "Material Matrix", is inspired by the painter, Chuck Close. It involves using a gridded photograph and interpreting each 2-inch square into fabric, using piecing to achieve the effect. In the workshop, in addition to the technique, she teaches: what makes a good photo to use, color and value, curved-piecing, and how to grid your own photo. Everyone in the class works on the same project, picking from "Sew Ready", "Wake Up Cup" or "Junior Cardinal".



GROUP SEW DAYS

- **SCRAPS**
 - **Mon JUL 8**
 - Coordinator : Nancy Muskopf, khmnam@att.net
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **FUN SEW DAY**
 - **All on Sat: Aug 3; Sep 7; Oct 5; Nov 2; Dec 7**
 - Coordinator : Chris Williams; cwill@earthlink.net
 - 9 - 5 At West Co EMS & Fire Admin Ofc
 - Contact Coordinator for details.

Have a Happy
and
Safe Summer!

