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MARCH 2020

Guild Meeting March 24, 2020

POST QUILT SHOW WRAP-UP

Presented by

Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chairperson

The March meeting will recap some of the highlights of the show as well as provide the financial details.

All of the award winners will be announced AND we also will be awarding the Viewer's Choice prizes.

TO ALL QUILT SHOW AWARD WINNERS

Please bring your quilt to this meeting so we all can once more "ooh and aah" your wonderful quilts!

So mark your calendars! This is one meeting you won't want to miss. Come see these amazing quilts, hear about all the highlights, and enjoy the show all over again!

Oh...and...there will be some surprises too!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

I find inspiration in many places: in the way the trees cast a shadow over fresh fallen snow, in the emerging crocus blooming in late winter, in a red tailed hawk soaring overhead. I also get inspiration from quilting magazines, books and other quilters.

There was plenty of inspiration at the February Bits N Pieces meeting. The SAQA members had quilt samples and demonstrated many techniques. I left inspired to try some new things.

The quilt show is less than one month away. It is our opportunity to share our work with the world. This is another opportunity to be inspired and to inspire others. The show is always laid out beautifully. The quilts are amazing. The members working the show are fabulous.

Be sure to encourage everyone you know to come to the show. Non quilters always enjoy the show as much as quilters so invite everyone you know.

“Creativity is contagious. Pass it on.”
— Albert Einstein

Jean Goldsberry
President

MINUTES - 25 FEBRUARY 2020

President Jean Goldsberry called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

President Goldsberry announced the newsletter deadline of February 28, 2020 at 5pm.

The President announced the formation of a new mini group on paper piecing. Sign-up sheets available from Linda Keeler. Sue Meyer has the sign-up sheets for Fun Sew Day.

Cover Our Kids chair, Gay Steward, asked for volunteers to quilt. They also have kits available.

Quilt Show chair, Darla Gibson, reviewed the dress code and parking for volunteers. Laurie Schrader still has volunteer opportunities available.

Quilt Show Raffle Quilt Ticket chair, Priscilla Kosednar, asked members to turn in raffle ticket money and thanked the volunteers for selling tickets.

Show and Tell was broken into two sessions.

Candy Grisham and local SAQA Art Quilters presented a trunk show and several demonstrations.

Two attendance prizes were awarded. Approximately 75 members were in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COK and MORE: Lisa Smith, Gay Stewart, Tamra Phelps

- Two rolling shelves, purchased at Sam's Club, are now installed in the basement. Fabric in cardboard boxes has been consolidated into new plastic bins.
- Phyllis and Mary Ann showed us the delivery process. Fifty-six quilts were delivered to five local agencies/hospitals: Circle of Concern, Foster's, Epworth, Cardinal Glennon, and Barnes Children's Hospital. Sizes ranged from child quilts to four adult quilts. The recipients were grateful to receive the quilts.
- Twenty finished quilts were turned in, at the February meeting. A big thank you to everyone who worked on a quilt.
- After announcing that COK has a backlog of quilts, needing to be quilted, seven kits were taken at the February meeting. Remember, if you can stitch in the ditch, straight line quilt, or meander, please help us out by taking a quilt kit home this month or next—long-arm or domestic machine quilting would be greatly appreciated.
- Please do not donate quilts that are less than 36" wide. Baby & young child quilts are OK at 36," but anything narrower than that does not work well for the agencies we support.

LIBRARY: Francine Boillat

- The Guild Library has added "Lone Star Illusions" by Karen Combs. Karen created a way to make Lone Star designs using squares and triangles. She is famous for her use of color and shows how easy it is to create Lone Star designs in two different sizes.
- If you are interested in trying collage or just adding to your collage experience, we have added "Laura's Little Book of Collage" by Laura Heine. This book includes step by step color photos of the collage technique. Learn which fabrics work well together, color, value, placement and the tools used. Be inspired with ideas for creating your own collage quilt.
- Check out the closet full of all types of quilt books located in the room just behind the table where you check in and out books.
- See you all at the next Guild meeting.

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 and Megan Buttery - Website*

MEMBERSHIP: Mary Lou Knox, Peggy Anderson

- There were 77 members in attendance at the February meeting which included 2 new members and 3 guests. Currently there are 165 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 (\$6.00 when there is a national speaker). Encourage your friends to join us.*

RETREATS

Retreats for members at Toddhall in Columbia, IL

- Our guild offers several retreats each year. Attendees work on projects of their choosing. Come as a single or room with another guild member. If a retreat is full you can ask to be put on a wait-list. Detailed information about Toddhall, bedrooms, meals, etc. can be found on our website under *Guild Activities*. The cost of each retreat varies by attendance, bedroom occupancy, and meals. Retreats are managed separately. Funds paid for one retreat are not transferrable to another retreat.
- Mark your calendars, encourage your guild friends, and sign-up soon for one of our retreats. If you have never been to a multi day retreat I highly recommend the August weekend retreat which offers less of a commitment of time and money for your first retreat experience.
- **Contact the designated coordinator with questions, for availability, or to sign-up.**

Susan Calzone

sesnowzone@charter.net

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

- June 11-14, 2020 – Sign-ups underway.

- June 16-20, 2020 – Full, sign-ups closed.

Laurie Schrader

laurieaschrader@gmail.com

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

August 7-9. Sign-ups underway.

Sue Meyer

suziequilt@hotmail.com

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

October 5-8, 2020. Filling, but still room, sign-up soon.

Please note: Toddhall reserves the right to change the conference hall reserved for any booking.

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh

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

- **Patti Moreland's** dear mother died last week. It is so difficult losing your mom at any age. I do not have any other details but I know you will share your support and sympathy with Patti through your prayers, cards and emails.
- **Karen Turner** was waiting for back surgery next week. She had a pulmonary embolism and now has a clot in her leg. She's in Mercy's ICU. Let's storm heaven for Karen and support her with cards and emails.
- **Susan Calzone's** mother died in early February. She was 95 years old and lived a long full life. She suffered from Alzheimer's

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disease for 14 years. Please share your support with Susan through cards and emails.

Thanks to all of you for supporting our guild members who need us at critical times in their lives.

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 Guild's year to date budget and the 2020 Fanfare of Quilts budget are both available in the Members Only section of the website. Detailed transactions are always available to any member on request.
- Please remember to use the new Check Request and Income Submittal forms posted to the website, or the new Quilt Show 2020 Check Request and Income Submittal form if applicable. These are also in the Members Only section of the website. Submit original receipts with your reimburse requests and get the Committee Chairperson's initials on Check Request forms approving the budget item.
- Feel free to review and contact me if you have questions. sandyrekowski@yahoo.com.

UFO: Sarah Weible

- UFO's....You all have them laying around in your sewing room, closet or basement. You know - those UnFinished Objects. Those half finished quilts, the wall hangings that aren't hanging, those table runners with the raw edges - even those kits you bought at Paducah or a Quilt show that you HAD to have and haven't yet started.
- Register them with me by the April meeting. It can be on a piece of paper or a form you get from me. All I need is a working title or a brief description of the project. Go home, work your little fingers off and get it done! Then bring it to show and tell. At that point, we'll record the measurements of your project. These are the points that you will earn to qualify for prizes.
- We heard you'd like more prizes and more frequent prizes. We can and will do that! There is absolutely NO reason for anyone not to participate.
- This is a win-win for you. Projects will be completed and prizes can be earned. Don't be shy!

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GROUP SEW DAYS

SCRAPS

- **Mon Feb 10**
 - Coordinator : Nancy Muskopf, nmuskopf37@gmail.com
 - 9:30-3 at Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.

FUN SEW DAY

- **All on Sat: April 4**
 - Coordinator : Chris Williams; cwwill@earthlink.net or mobile 314 452 5912
 - 9-4 at West County EMS & Fire Admin Ofc, 223 Henry Ave., Manchester, MO 63011
 - Signup sheets are at each Bits meeting or you may contact the coordinator.
 - Details are on the Bits Website under Guild Activities.

ANNOUNCING A NEW AND FUN MINI GROUP

PRETTY PAPER PIECERS

Coordinators: Linda Keeler and Tamra Phelps

- **Meets Third Tuesday of each month**
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The **first meeting is on March 17** and is an organizational meeting only – no need to bring sewing machines/equipment. This meeting will only be 2-3 hours long. At the first meeting Linda will be discussing project options for the group. Bring your ideas and desires! Also, there will be no April meeting as Tamra and I will be on vacation.
- This is a hands on group – bring your sewing machine and personal sewing supplies.
- Cutting mats and irons will be available, but you are encouraged to bring a small iron and mat/cutting board to share at your table.
- A more comprehensive list will be available at the first meeting.
- This group is limited to 12 people so if interested see Linda. She has a sign up sheet ready for your name.
- Meeting **Location**
 - 9-3 at West County EMS & Fire Admin Ofc, 223 Henry Ave., Manchester, MO 63011
 - Contact Coordinator for details.

Pretty Paper Piecers is THE mini group for you...if

- You've wanted to try paper piecing and work with friends of like interest;
- You feel you want/need to have guidance and encouragement along the way;
- You are an experienced paper piecer and would just like to sew with fellow "piecers".

Sew hurry and sign up to join this fun and interesting group.

Details are on the Bits Website under Guild Activities.

YOUR FANFARE OF QUILTS 2020 - March 21-22, 2020

QUILT SHOW CHAIR: Darla Gibson

- We are in the final stretch! All the plans are made, but are the quilts?! LOL! I know mine are so close to being finished, I can almost feel them done! Just a few more tweaks. There isn't a better motivation than committing a quilt to be in the show to get a project done! That kind of deadline is true pressure!
- Some things to remember:
 - Your drop off person will be contacting you the week of March 9th.
 - You quilts need to be delivered to your drop off person by March 15th!
 - If you have a step ladder that is in good condition, please bring it to set up – there is a place to store them during the show so you don't have to bring it back and forth as we will need them Sunday for take down too.
 - During set up or the show, please do NOT change the ID tags. If a change is needed, bring it to Nancy Peters, Nancy Muskopf or me and we will have a new one printed.
 - Dress Code items
 - No Blue Jeans please – But Black jeans are fine. We would like everyone working the show to be in khakis or dress pants.
 - Wear your guild name tag – if you do not have one, please go to the Membership Table and use one of the sticky ones with our logo.
 - Parking during the show – please use the upper lot – NOT the lot where our guest will be parking. There are handicap spaces for those that need them. However, if possible, let's leave those for our guest too. Maybe have a friend drop you at the door or move your car for you so we can leave those available for guests.
 - Publicity — It's not too late to get a flyer to one of your favorite hang outs. Let's keep getting the word out about the show!
 - Flyers are available to print from our web site at www.bitsnpeicesguild.com.
 - Queeny has artwork to put on the LED Sign out front. They are posting it now so we will have some additional free publicity!
 - Items of interest
 - We have 19 vendors with fabric, machines, notions and more!
 - Over 121 members entered quilts
 - 366 quilts will be shown that are eligible for judging
 - We also have 22 quilts in bed turning PLUS Art Bits, Totems, Special Artist, Featured Quilter and more – well over 400 quilts, I'm sure!
 - Make sure to tell your friends about our Featured Artist, Julie Connell, a Judy Niemeyer Certified Instructor with a specialty in choosing colors for Judy Niemeyer quilts

- Also, we have our Featured Quilter, Roxann Jasper – a wonderfully talented lady with so many great quilts to share!
- And, we have a special quilt from Threads of Friendship Guild out of Farmington who have made a quilt celebrating the 100th anniversary of Women's Right to Vote.
- And, of course, the special surprise exhibit from Southern Stitchers! I can't wait for you to see it!
- So many details that the Show Committee has put together for you and our guests! Make sure to get your friends there!
- See you on March 20th for Show Set up and look forward to seeing and working another fabulous Fanfare of Quilts Show weekend with you!

RAFFLE QUILT: Priscilla Kosednar

- We are down to our final chance to make the 2020 Raffle Quilt fund raiser an overwhelming success. We are on target to reach our goal but we still need a large attendance at the show.
- Now is the time to encourage all your friends and family to attend the Quilt Show. Show the picture of the raffle quilt to everyone and let them know there will be many other quilts just as wonderful to see at the show. Don't forget teachers, beauticians, manicurists, everyone you see regularly. You never know who has a mother or aunt who enjoys quilting and the needle arts.
- Last, but not least, a big **"Thank You!"** to everyone who sold their 24 tickets, everyone who sold many more tickets, everyone who sold tickets at the various quilt shops and everyone who took the quilt to other guilds and sold tickets. Finally, a special thank you to the A-Team for donating the quilt.
- I personally want to recognize and thank the Raffle Quilt Committee. They each had an important role in the success of this project:

Linda Biederman	Sue Meyer
LaDonna Patterson	Cindy Pfothenauer
Sandy Rekowski	Lisa Smith
Gay Stewart	Jane Unger

CHARITY RAFFLE: Marge Whitehead

- I would just like to pass on how wonderfully generous our members were when it came to the charity raffle donations for the Fischer house! Our local veterans will benefit greatly because of our members!!
- The February meeting was our last month for donations adding even more items fill many baskets and draw visitors to the Raffle.
- Please be sure to stop by the Charity Raffle and purchase tickets...you just may win some excellent items.
- Good luck to everyone and see ya all at the show.

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. . . A peek at the exciting April workshop with Paul Leger . . .

PATCHWORK ILLUSIONS – WORKSHOP



THIMBLE AND THREAD QUILT GUILD OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
presents
PAUL LEGER
Quilter, Teacher and Designer



Saturday, April 18, 2020

Where: American Legion Hall #156, 314 S. Clay Ave. Kirkwood, MO
Arrive at 8:30am, class from 9-4, lunch on site.

Cost: \$60 for guild members - \$65 for non-guild members
Price does include pattern, ruler and fabric for two blocks

Contact: Cynthia Clifton: 314-496-8144, cindyclifton@yahoo.com

Paul will conduct the workshop, sharing his tips and teach you how to take a traditional quilt block design to create a 3D illusion patchwork cube. The amazing layouts produced can lead to the creation of striking illusion quilts.