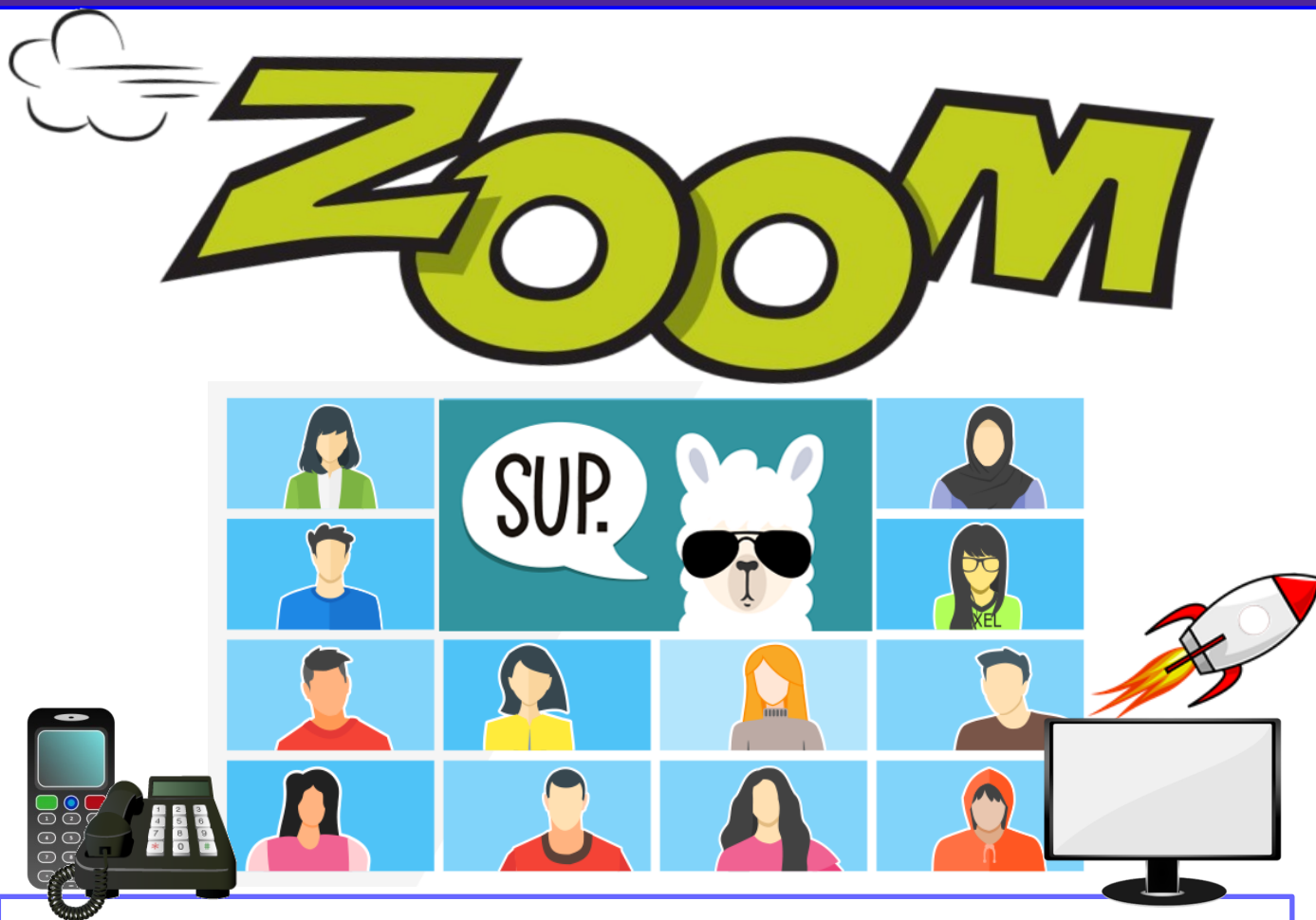


SPECIAL EDITION IV - COVID-19 AND US



From Telecons, to Skype, to FaceTime we'd call,
But now we're *a-Zooming*, with a link to you all.
Though maybe a poet your Editor is not
News of our V-meets is oh so very hot.
Read all about it for the message is clear,
We're holding V-meets and keeping you near.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom. The definition of "zoom" is to move at a fast speed. Bits 'n' Pieces is *Zooming* into the future full speed ahead with our virtual guild meetings.

The Vice Presidents and National Speaker Chairs have been working hard to bring the guild some fabulous programs via Zoom. In November Candy Grisham will give us her Dresden plate program and there is a full line up of speakers for the first half of 2021. I am excited to see what next year will bring.

Special thanks to Dorothy White and Patti Morehead who volunteered to work on the nominating committee. They did a fantastic job and presented the new officers at the October Zoom meeting. We will zoom into 2021 with Phyllis Bednarek as the president and Debbie Reynolds as the treasurer. Voting will take place on the November Zoom meeting.

The fabulous Bits 'n' Pieces Newsletter is back thanks to Cindy Holten. Please be sure to read it thoroughly. There will be much new about how the guild is zooming forward.

I hope everyone is staying healthy and that their sewing machines are zooming through many projects.

"Good thing I didn't accomplish all of my goals yet, because then what would I do tomorrow"
- Alexi Pappas

Jean Goldsberry
President

MINUTES OF V-MEETING ON OCTOBER 27, 2020

President Jean Goldsberry called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The meeting was held via Zoom. Sixty four members attended.

President Goldsberry reported that the non-for-profit documents have been filed with the Missouri Secretary of State. She expects they will be processed in the next three weeks. After approval, the guild will file for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) and then apply for 501c(3) status.

The nominating committee members Patti Moreland and Dorothy White presented the 2021 officer nominations: President-Phyllis Bednarek and Treasurer-Debbie Reynolds.

Peggy Anderson announced that the membership committee will not accept dues payments until December. She requested that all dues be paid no later than February 2021.

Candy Grisham has arranged programs including virtual programs and workshops in May and July.

Gail Tredoux discussed upcoming programs for 2021.

Marsha Bray will handle all communications for Nighttime Needlers while Anne Perry recuperates.

Gail Tredoux reported that guild-sponsored retreats will not resume until the pandemic is over.

Darla Gipson reported that Crazy Quilters have met in the park and are still doing block exchanges.

Nancy Peters reported that Scraps members have met at her home.

Francine Boillat reported that the A-Team is not meeting, but did have a mini-quilt show at the Butterfly House.

Jean Goldsberry thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Bits will have another Zoom meeting next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Hopkins

CHARITY RAFFLE FOR FISHER HOUSE

I want to say **"Thank You"** again to Margie Whitehead and her committee for their awesome work on the Sunday, October 4th Charity Raffle benefitting Fisher House! There was a TON of work putting the baskets together, loading them, unloading them, setting up the displays, getting the park AND then being at the park all day for the selling of tickets! I really appreciate her for putting this event together! It was really an awesome time!

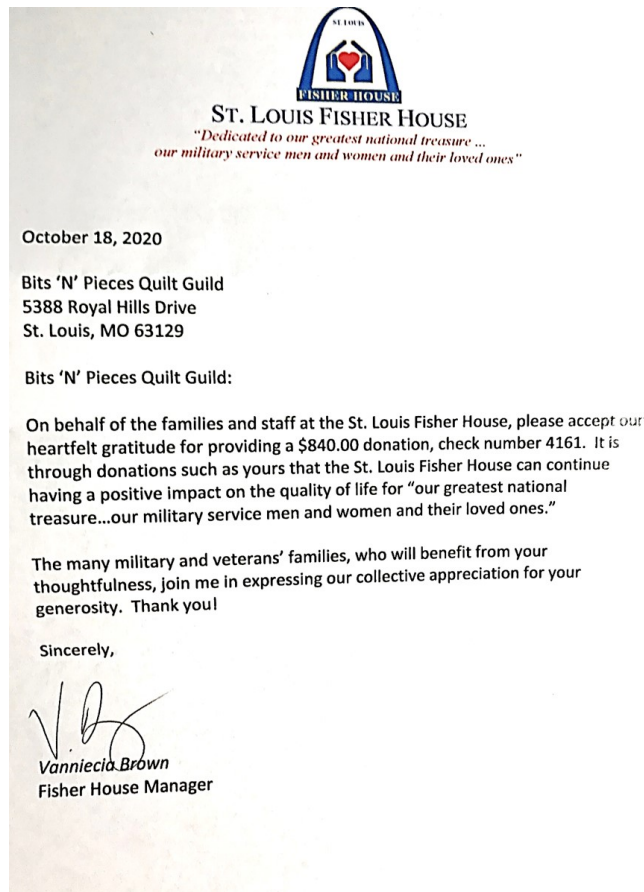
I also want to say **"Thank You"** again to all of the Bits Members that volunteered to help. I am constantly amazed that whenever we ask for volunteers, the guild members come together and volunteer to make these types of events happen!

And of course I want to say, **"Thank you"** to all of those who came out and win or lose, purchased tickets! Not everyone can win but it is so wonderful that you were willing to support a great cause in Fisher House.

Even though the outcome was not as much as originally posted, we were able to raise \$1,340 for Fisher House by holding this event. See Thank You Note for the second donation of \$840 from the raffle).

Overall, it has been awesome watching this come together. **Thank you all again!**

Darla Gibson
Quilt Show 2020 & 2023 Chair



GUILD PROGRAM NOVEMBER 17, 2020

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

The Dresden Reimagined or Give a Girl a Wedge Presented by Candy Grisham

Since our “usually scheduled” guild meeting would have been a couple days before Thanksgiving, we thought it best to **CHANGE THE DATE TO NOVEMBER 17.**

The **NOVEMBER 17 V-meeting** will have our own master quilter, designer, and published author, Candy Grisham! She will be presenting her newest book and its sources.

So how do you go from a quilt you made, to a pattern, and then to a book? Candy will guide us through her journey with the Dresden block into the world of modern art quilts, and then into publishing. Candy will also have a trunk show of her stunning quilts and examples of blocks with instructions. This is one very informative V-meeting you won't want to miss.

As before, an invite will be emailed to everyone well in advance of the V-meeting. The V-meeting/program will start at roughly 7:00 pm. However, the meeting will be open at 6:30 allowing everyone time to get comfortable using *Zoom*. However, if you are new to *Zoom* and require assistance before the meeting, please contact one of the “Gails”.

We encourage all of you to join between 6:30 and 7:00 pm to give you time to catch up with our fellow guild members.

We look forward to seeing all of you.



**Gail MacCartney and Gail Tredoux
Vice Presidents**

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE VIRTUALLY BACK!

By “virtual” of the power of **Zoom**, we can hold our meetings virtually, have Show and Tell, ask questions, exchange thoughts and ideas, see pictures of our accomplishments, and be able to catch up with one another and finally see and hear all of you.

Our first virtual **Zoom** meeting was Tuesday, October 27. This was an experiment in the way Bits will be holding future meetings while Covid-19 continues.

Prior to the meeting on October 20, lessons were offered in how to work **Zoom** and get comfortable with it. This was a first for all of us but with very few hiccups, we all did very well.

A group message had been sent listing the names and phone numbers of the members who are ready to assist with any **Zoom** problem you may have. So if you have been inactive during this time that's fine. And if you'd like to try using **Zoom**, I'm sure we can get you some help.

All future Bits meetings will begin at 7:00 pm but the “room” will be open at 6:30 pm. If you want to show pictures of quilts during the meeting, please email them to Candy Grisham prior to the meeting.

- Candy Grisham and
Gail MacCartney

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW

Linda Waugh, Coordinator

Ivy Osborn: Her granddaughter is pregnant with twins, and yes, Ivy will become a great grandma! Ivy is asking prayers for her granddaughter since there is some concern as she has a rare type of identical twins that puts the babies at high risk. Let's storm Heaven for Ivy's granddaughter and the twins.

Ginny Rainey: Her husband, Ken, passed away in October. He had a severe health issue, and it unfortunately took his life much too soon. Let's keep Ginny and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

The guild chose to give a donation to the National FX Foundation: “Thank you for the donation to the National FX Foundation. Ken was very interested in furthering the research on the transmission and effects on the brain. So much has been learned in the fifty years since we were married. Your donation will help that to continue.” Ginny Rainey

Bernice Dodge: lost her last remaining sister, Dorothy, in October. Bernice has lost all three of her sisters in the last 5 years. Let's support Bernice with prayer and our supportive thoughts.

Polly Sievert: Her dear mom, Marie, 91, peacefully passed away on October 13. She lived a full life, and Polly has so many happy and comforting memories of the creativity her mom shared with her.

Anne Perry: Took an awful fall and broke her hip this month. She has had a successful hip surgery as well as facial stitches. Anne will appreciate prayer and support during this healing time.

Mary Ann Stark: Her daughter, Christine who has been battling cancer for several years, is now in hospice. Please let's storm Heaven for Christine, her children and Mary Ann during this difficult time.

Cindy Holten: Her sister, Pam, has a serious heart condition. Cindy asks for you prayers. Lost her step-mother, Mary, 100, in September. Mary lived a full and creative life.

Megan Buttery: Her dad, Bob Ward, 96, passed away last week. He led a wonderful life with many close friends. He encouraged Megan's interest in quilting and he loved the quilt she made him. Let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult weeks.

All of our friends mentioned above need our prayers. I know they will also appreciate a card or email of support. Thanks so much to each of you for showing your care and concern for our members.

OUR FIRST AND FUTURE MEETINGS

Congratulations to everyone who put together and/or attended the first Bits 'n' Pieces Guild virtual meeting on October 27.

Once everyone figured out the mute and video button, we were on our way. We all learned about the "Reaction" feature that has "thumbs up" and "applause", as well as the feature for "chat" and "raise your hand".

Every speaker who presented was seen in full screen and could be heard clearly with no microphone interference! A fun and informative experience all round. Plus as in our "real" meetings, our first virtual meeting also ended with Show and Tell.

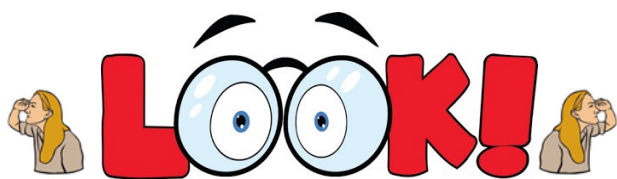
Even though there were a few stumbles, for our first Bits guild V-meeting, we think we all did well.

The program and workshop committee has been working hard to line up some great virtual opportunities for our members and we think next year is going to be fabulous, even if we can't meet in person for a while.

So...October 27 was our first virtual guild meeting. On November 17, Jean Goldsberry, will lead the meeting with elections and guild business and then introduce Candy Grisham who will present her Dresden Journey.

Gail MacCartney and Gail Tredoux
Vice Presidents

Candace Grisham and Marsha Bray
Program and Workshop Coordinators



Be on the lookout for upcoming events and changes to the guild's schedule in the newsletter and on the guild's website.

-Marsha Bray

FANFARE OF QUILTS SHOW 2023

Just a reminder that our next Quilt Show is scheduled for March 18 – 19, 2023.

Unfortunately, we cannot have the Show in 2022 due to construction plans for the Queeny Park facility. However, this gives us lots of time to get things going such as a raffle quilt, completing quilts and challenges to have an even more awesome show than we have every had!

Along those lines, I know that the new Guild President will be looking for volunteers. One of those things we will need a volunteer for is coordinating the making of and ticket sales for a raffle quilt. If you have interest in this, please let them know!

Thanks again for all of your support and efforts in planning the "Quilt Show That Never Happened". I look forward to leading the 2023 Committee!

Darla Gibson
Chair of Quilt Show 2020
Chair of Quilt Show 2023

RETREATS FOR MEMBERS TODDHALL, COLUMBIA, IL

The guilds retreats are currently cancelled or a "to be determined" status. Retreats will resume when the guild is meeting in person. Retreat announcements will be broadcast via the group email service, in the newsletter, and on the website. Contact Susan if you have any questions.

January – cancelled – Susan Calzone

June – TBD - Susan Calzone -

sesnowzone@charter.net

August – TBD - Laurie Schrader -

laurieaschrader@gmail.com

October – TBD - Sue Meyer -

suziequilt@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

**Mary Lou Knox and Peggy Anderson
Coordinators**

The annual membership fee for 2021 is \$25. We will start accepting membership requests through the mail beginning December 1st. To renew your membership, please complete the membership form (located on the website) and include a check or cash to: *Mary Lou Knox, 1465 Autumn Leaf Drive, Ballwin, MO, 63021*. Please COMPLETE a registration form, even if your information has not changed. Make your check payable to "Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild". It is VERY IMPORTANT that members register for 2021 as the guild has many informative and interesting programs planned for the upcoming year.

Everyone must renew their membership for the coming year. If membership has not been renewed by the last day of February, an individual's membership will be dropped from the working roster. So, PLEASE GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORMS and PAYMENT IN EARLY!!

When we again have meetings in person and 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 or please contact Peggy Anderson at pjanderson@charter.net. Remember: magnetic badges should not be worn with a pacemaker!

The current number of members is 178 and the roster on the website will be updated as soon as my computer has been repaired. Thank you for all of your patience with this!!

Please contact me if there is anything that I can help with!

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THE UFO PROGRAM

Sarah Weible, Coordinator

So many photos of beautifully completed projects have been sent to me this year. I'm so lucky to have seen them. Hopefully, they can be shared with everyone soon!

I've been busy starting projects, having some in the queue waiting to be quilted, and one I'm in the process of finishing – just like most of you! There is still plenty of time (before January's awards) to send photos of the projects you have finished to me with the size and who/how they were quilted. Don't forget, even if you have not participated this year in UFOs, to make a list of every project you started and haven't finished this year as well as previous years to have ready for January and join the program next year. You know you've been busy creating this year and even have some lying around waiting from previous years for you to get to them. Why not get credit and maybe even a prize or two for finishing?!

Please keep sending in those photos – they are so inspiring. Have an awesome and productive fall!



ZOOMED EVENTS

Chris Williams, Coordinator

1. **Beginner's Luck** – This mini group continues to meet via Zoom on the 1st Tuesday afternoon each month. We are now focusing on small skills to add interest to our quilts.

In July we had a session learning about scallops and curved borders. August was a prairie points primer. In September members were asked to make a sample and log of the decorative stitches on their sewing machines. October brought Seminole piecing of borders. Upcoming in 2021 is a “housing” project. Each month the hostess will present a “house” block. This is not a block exchange, but a year long project. We’ll see that “there is no place like home”.
2. **Fun Sew Days** also continue with Zoom. These are held the first Saturday of each month and are open to all guild members and the hours are generally from 9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. However, to avoid confusion, we do try to limit the group to about 12 people. Just think – sewing with friends and no need to haul a machine, sewing supplies, ruler, iron or project! Some people just do hand work during the session also. The next dates are November 7, 2020 and December 5, 2020 and January 2nd, 2021 I will send out reminders each month, but please contact Chris Williams (cwwill@earthlink.net) if you are interested in joining in the fun or have questions.
3. **Bits Members Afternoon Zoom** – This group meets every 2 weeks on THURSDAY AFTERNOON from 1:00 – 3:00. The group chose to have a Sew Day during their Zoom meetings. There are currently 12 members, but not everyone comes to each gathering so I think we could have more people in the group. The next meetings are scheduled for November 5, November 19, December 3 and December 17. No Zoom on December 31. Meeting dates for 2021 to be determined. If you are interested in joining this group or have questions, contact Chris Williams (cwwill@earthlink.net)
4. **Bits Members Evening Zoom** – This group recently voted to have zoom meetings every other week on THURSDAY EVENING from 7:00 – 9:00. The group chose to have just a social meeting with time to chat, share projects, ask questions and just catch up on news of the Guild and each other. The next meetings are scheduled for November 5 and November 19, December 3 and December 17. No Zoom on December 31. Meeting dates for 2021 to be determined. There is room for several more members in this Zoom group so if you are interested or have questions, contact Chris Williams (cwwill@earthlink.net)

COVER OUR KIDS

Gay Steward and Tamra Phelps, Coordinators

The end is in sight...well, not really but an all new beginning is on the horizon.

Wow! What a crazy year 2020 has been. Covid threw us all into craziness we could not have imagined. Luckily the Bits members were prepared!

The quarantine time became the new “Get ‘er done” time. So many of you have done a great job getting COK and UFO’s done. I’m sure you found fabric you’d forgotten about.

There are only 7 kits remaining that need to be quilted and 6 tops that need to be sewn together. So much has gotten done in only a few months. WOW! Over 220 COK quilts have been delivered since March. THANK YOU - THANK YOU Your caring about and love for kids is beyond measure. And not all these quilts were made from COK kits. Many of them were totally created by Bits members and friends. THANK YOU - THANK YOU. I know your quilts will be loved for years to come.

Tamra and I hopefully will be able to make more kits in the near future. But “hopefully” is the key word. So stay tuned and let’s see what happens in the near future.

If you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know. I have a couple of ideas for a sew day, cut fabric day, or just get together. Thank you all for your devotion and consistent care about Cover Our Kids.

