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Guild Meeting January 28, 2020

Get to know Bits 'n' Pieces Guild and How YOU can get Involved!

By

Darla Gibson and the 2020 Quilt Show Committee

2020 is going to be a great year for Bits 'n' Pieces Guild. Come to the January meeting and find out how you can be involved in our show, programs, mini groups, charity and more!

We will start the meeting with learning how you can be involved in the 2020 Fanfare of Quilts. As you know, Bits 'n' Pieces puts on this show every 2 years. It's an opportunity for us to show the community that quilting is more than grandma's quilts from 1930. It is an entire art form to be celebrated! We will talk about the show, how to get your quilts ready, how we will do the set up and take down, and everything in between! We will also be asking you to officially put your name in the hat to volunteer!

Then, we will take a look at what other programs the guild offers to our members. We have mini groups, charity opportunities, and leadership opportunities big and small. Find out more and plan to find a new challenge for you in 2020 as part of the guild!

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting! Happy New Year!

A new decade of Fanfare of Quilts

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

With the new year I am thinking about the creative process. Virginia Findley Wolfe said, "Creativity involves risk". So does driving down Manchester Road. If I can risk driving 40 mph among teenage drivers, texting drivers and distracted drivers; I feel brave enough to take some risks with my quilting. I will experiment with color combinations and new techniques.

Theodore Levitt said, "Creativity is thinking new things. Innovation is doing new things". I always have many ideas for quilts bouncing around in my brain. I have many more ideas than I have time. I actually plan on making more time for these ideas in 2020.

Pablo Picasso said, "The chief enemy of creativity is good taste." Sometimes I make quilts because I think they will be pleasing to others. I am going to make quilts that are pleasing to me in 2020.

I want to thank John Rutkowski for using his creativity to bring us wonderful programs the last two years while serving as vice president. Thank you to Nancy Rutkowski for filling in for John when he was out of town. Thank you to our new team of vice presidents who are working to bring us wonderfully creative programs - Gail MacCartney, Gail Tredoux and Elizabeth Stewart.

Thank you to Kay Strebeck, our outgoing secretary who will use her creativity to bring us the challenge in 2020. Thank you to the incoming secretary Nancy Hopkins.

Big thanks to Darla Gibson and the multitudes of guild members who are planning the best, most creative quilt show ever.

Thank you to all the committee chairs who creatively keep the guild moving forward and every member who participated. But if I thanked every member who helped this year, the president's message would be 20 pages long.

So in the words of Maya Angelou. "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." I wish you much creativity in 2020.

Jean Goldsberry
President

INTRODUCING . . .

YOUR NEW VICE PRESIDENTS

The new Vice-Presidents for 2020 and 2021 are a trio of international Americans:

Gail MacCartney, the mostly American from California, with Jamestown and Plymouth Rock heritage, has lived all over the world.



Elizabeth Stewart, British-American, born in India and raised in England.



Gail Tredou, South-African-American, born and raised in South-Africa, lived in London and Rochester, New York.



We decided it was time to give back to the Bits'n Pieces Guild after the wonderful welcome and acceptance we received.

Although we didn't realize what a big job the VP is, we are open to any advice, comments, or suggestions. So please call or e-mail us without hesitation. And we will be asking for volunteers to help in various areas.



NO DECEMBER MINUTES
ENJOYING THE
GUILD'S
HOLIDAY PARTY!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- This is our last newsletter and Phyllis, Penny and I would like to thank all of you for making our two years as the COK Committee so successful and fun. The beautiful and quality quilts were always so amazing. Whenever we needed help there always someone there to help. Again, thank you all so much.
- Now, I am happy to introduced our new committee for COK: Lisa Smith, Tamara Phelps and Gay Stewart. What a great group of women! With this new committee it is guaranteed that COK will continue to grow and become even better.
- We will still be around to help the new committee with a quilt delivery and show them how we did things. Then they can make their changes. It will be a great year!

LIBRARY: Francine Boillat

- No updates
- *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.*

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: Mary Lou Knox, Peggy Anderson

- Welcome to a new year at Bits and Pieces! Listed is Membership information for the upcoming year!
- 2020 membership is due now. Please complete the membership form (located on the website under the Members Only section) and bring to the January 28th meeting along with your check for \$25.00 to "Bits and Pieces Quilt Guild". Or you can also mail the completed form and your check to : Mary Lou Knox, 1465 Autumn Leaf Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021.
- Even if nothing has changed with your information, please complete the form and give to the membership table. Thank you!
- *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.

Contact the designated coordinator for questions, availability, or to sign-up.

Susan Calzone

sesnowzone@charter.net

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

June 9-13, 2020—Wilson Conf Ctr at Toddhall

June 16-20, 2020—Blackburn Conf Ctr at Toddhall

Laurie Schrader

laurieaschrader@gmail.com

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

To be determined.

Sue Meyer

suziequilt@hotmail.com

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

October 5-8, 2020

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.

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

- **Rita Nyhoff's** husband, George, was at St. Luke's early in December for blood clots in his lungs. He is doing very well and is back to normal activities but will be on meds for at least 6 months. Let's continue to pray for George that he gets through this healing period. Rita sends her thanks for the supportive cards and emails that she received.
- Bits members **Wendy Richards, Candy Grisham, Judy Humphrey, Terry Rhodes, Tracy Back and Nancy Sinise** are excited to announce that their group quilt, "At The Party with Kandinsky" has been accepted to QuiltCon 2020 in Austin, Texas. Kudos to each of you for this Wonderful achievement.
- **Sandy Sagan's** Art Quilt, "Pomegranates And Lemons" will be exhibited in the Road To California quilt show in 2020. Yippee, Sandy for this great ray of sunshine.
- **Candy Grisham** had knee surgery in early December. She has her good days and tough days and will appreciate lots of card and email support as she recuperates.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

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 update.
- New Check Request and Income Submittal forms Reimbursement forms are posted to the website.
- There is also a new form to be used ONLY for Check Request and Income Reimbursements related to the 2020 Quilt Show. I've been asked to track income and expenses by category, and this form includes them.
- All the new forms list budget categories. Please check the appropriate category when submitting requests. The category selection menu is the only thing that has changed, except that there are separate forms now for income vs. checks.
- Submit original receipts with check requests for reimbursements and get the Committee Chairperson's initials on Check Request forms approving the budget item.

UFO: Sarah Weible

- Recently I've been told that I'm a bit competitive. Keeping that in mind, I would like to pass along to the participants in future UFO's that change is coming!
- The past committee has done an excellent job and had shared that they had some ideas for the future. I LOVED those ideas and decided to implement them AND to add a more competitive edge. Hopefully, this will bring more people and more projects to participate.
- Thank you all for the opportunity to be the UFO chair...and get ready to fill out those project lists!!

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GROUP SEW DAYS

• **SCRAPS**

- **Mon Jan 13**
 - Coordinator : Nancy Muskopf, nmuskopf37@gmail.com
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.

• **FUN SEW DAY**

All on Sat: February 1, March 7, April 4

- Coordinator : Chris Williams; cwill@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.
- If you want to come just visit and chat – Welcome!
- Bringing hand sewing – Welcome!
- Have a project to show off – Welcome!
- Have a problem project and looking or help – Welcome!
- We would love to see you there.

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

QUILT SHOW CHAIR: Darla Gibson

- Fanfare of Quilts 2020 is right around the corner. The January meeting is going to give you more detailed information as well as the opportunity for you to volunteer for your preferred location to help! We will need EVERY guild member to make this all happen.
- Your main responsibility between now and then is to get your show entry forms completed, picture attached and to the meeting! If you cannot attend the meeting (or are concerned the weather may cause you not to get out) please make sure to MAIL your forms to Nancy Peters at the following address: Nancy Peters, 16239 Birchbrook Court, Wildwood, MO 63005
- One change we are making this year is a revamp to the set up plans. Candy Grisham is spearheading this committee of the show. The following information will help you understand the plan (and complexity) of hanging over 300 quilts! We will be discussing this more at the January meeting so please plan to join us.
- **Setting up the Quilt Show – Timeline:**
 - **Pipe and drape set up** by hired contractor Friday of Quilt Show weekend. (Hope to have all set by noon.)
 - Contractor drops pipe in each cubicle for hanging along with S hooks – 2 per pole
 - Contractor drops Double pipe in small quilt area with chains and S hooks available
 - Extra chains sorted by committee and labeled
 - **Quilts dropped off by members** between noon and 1 PM on Friday of show. (Note: “Quilt drop off” is approximately 1 hour prior to “Designate time for Hanging”)
 - Quilts placed in baskets numbered to match aisles they hang in
 - Baskets placed on benches by windows for drop off. Moved to aisles for distribution.
 - Quilts (in pillowcase) placed in assigned cubicle. (Chart)
 - **At designated time for hanging:** 1-4PM Friday of quilt show
 - Groups of 3-4 (preferably 4) assigned to rows starting with 100 to work together to hang that aisle.
 - Groups can be predetermined
 - Volunteers sign up to bring ladders and wheeled carts if available
 - Odd rows start at window end, even rows start at bleacher end to avoid bumping thru the drapes.
 - Two on step ladders and 1-2 to unwrap quilt and help to slide sleeve onto hanging pole.
 - Pillowcases from hung quilts folded and placed in laundry baskets according to row numbers.

- Ideally 40-50 volunteers to hang the entire show. If fewer, groups will need to finish a row and then start another after checking with coordinators.
- Art Bits to hang all Art quilts including Art Bits display
- Charts for quilts and rows available in several places and with coordinators.
- Supplies needed: Laundry baskets, step ladders (2-3 steps),
- If there are any questions about this or any other information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at ddgibby64@yahoo.com.

RAFFLE QUILT: Priscilla Kosednar

- There will be another quilt shop event for selling raffle tickets in the near future. Details are still being arranged and were not available by the deadline for this article, so be looking for an email with signup information. We are always looking for additional places to sell tickets and welcome any suggestions.
- There are still a few members who have not picked up their tickets. If your schedule does not allow you to attend meetings, just call or text me and I will send them to you. Remember the Raffle Quilt is the guild's major fundraiser and happens only every two years. We hope everyone will want to participate. (My phone number is available on the Members Only area of the BitsnPieces website.)
- As always, you can get additional tickets and turn in your money at the January guild meeting. We will be announcing the current standings for the top ticket sellers.
- 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.

CHARITY RAFFLE: Marge Whitehead

- January and February will be the last months to bring your donations to the monthly meeting for acceptance into the raffle baskets.

PUBLICITY: Tamra Phelps

- No updates.