

Guild Meeting February 25, 2020

LOCAL SAQA ART QUILTERS PRESENT DEMOS AND TRUNK SHOW

The local SAQA will have a trunk show of several small pieces of art along with demonstrations, exploration and information about SAQA from local members.

Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. (SAQA) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the art quilt: *"a creative visual work that is layered and stitched or that references this form of stitched layered structure."*

Founded in 1989 by an initial group of 50 artists, SAQA now has over 3,600 members: artists, teachers, collectors, gallery owners, museum curators and corporate sponsors. With access to our museum-quality exhibition program, SAQA members challenge the boundaries of art and change perceptions about contemporary fiber art.

As a part of SAQA's dynamic creative community, members can take their artwork and career to the next level. We offer a wide range of exclusive resources, mentorship programs and professional opportunities.

In addition, SAQA documents the art quilt movement – our publications include full-color exhibition catalogs, the Art Quilt Quarterly magazine, and our new book, *Art Quilts Unfolding: 50 Years of Innovation*.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

"Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter." Brian Solis

Every year I send a check to AQS (American Quilter's Society) to remain a member. It gets me reduced entry into AQS quilt shows and a nice magazine four times a year. I have a membership card, a pin, and access to their web site. I am an official member but there is not a sense of true community.

At our guild meeting in January we had an overview of all things Bits N Pieces: the fabulous quilt show, the active mini groups, the wonderful committees. We have a true feeling of community. We meet, we talk, we share. The more you put into it, the more you will get out of it.

I encourage you to get involved this year. Sign up to work the quilt show. It really is lots of fun. Go to a retreat or a sew day. At our meetings talk to someone you have never spoken to. According to WebMD "Staying connected with friends and family can help you stay young at heart -- and boost your emotional and physical health, too." Do yourself a favor and get involved.

Jean Goldsberry
President

MINUTES - 28 JANUARY 2020

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 26, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

President Goldsberry announced the newsletter deadline of January 31, 2020 at 5pm and asked members to sign the Honor Flight Quilt.

The President presented the proposed 2020 Guild Budget. After discussion and a proposal to increase the Bank Charge budget to \$200, a motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented with an increase in Bank Charges to \$200. Motion passed unanimously.

Darla Gibson led the evening program, "Get To Know the Bits 'n' Pieces Guild".

Show and Tell was broken into three sessions.

Darla discussed the need for volunteers in the following areas: Admissions, Back door monitor, Bed Turning, Charity Auction, Quilt Raffle, Sewing Machine Raffle, White Glove, Show Set-up and Break-down and Demo volunteers.

Publicity Chair, Laura Andrew, asked members to take and distribute quilt show bookmarks. The flyer on website is available for printing and distribution.

Margie Whitehead announced that the February meeting is the last opportunity to donate items for the charity raffle.

Tracy Back discussed show take-down procedures.

Nancy Peters discussed quilt drop-off procedures and asked for additional volunteers.

President Goldsberry asked for volunteers to coordinate the Salad Supper, Holiday Party, Raffle Quilt 2022 and 2021 Nominating Committee.

Vice-President, Gail Tredoux, asked for volunteers to set-up and take-down chairs at the monthly guild meetings.

Coordinators for Cover Our Kids, Raffle Quilt, Retreats, Fun Sew Day, UFOs, One-Day Retreats, Sunshine and Shadows and Mini-Groups all made presentations.

Attendance and Raffle Ticket Sales drawings were held and prizes awarded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Meeting Set up Rewards

Rewards are coming your way! We need 4 volunteers each month to help setup/take down chairs at the guild meetings and help hold up the quilts for show 'n tell.

Each volunteer will receive a fun sewing related reward for their help. The signup sheets will be available at the meet-

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

- Thanks to Mary Ann Barr, Phyllis Benerek, and Penny Edinger for their hard work. Under their tutelage, Cover Our Kids donated 591 quilts between 2018-19.
- We look forward to taking the COK reins, learning the ropes, and having a successful year, so please be patient as we become acclimated.
- We received 19 finished quilts at the January guild meeting of which three of these quilts were completed by non-Bits members! Seven tops were donated, and one kit was checked out. A special thanks to Carol Spindler and Scraps for their finished quilt donations.
- Quarterly sew days will be announced.
- As we get organized we found an abundance of COK kits that need to be sewn and a large number of unfinished quilts. We recognize everyone is busy getting ready for the quilt show, but if anyone is willing to work on these unfinished quilts, that would help us a lot and get these ready for distribution. If you let us know whether you will be using a long arm or a domestic machine and how many quilts you want to pick up, we will set them aside for pickup at the February guild meeting.
- Please do not donate any fabric or batting to COK at this time. Our first task is cleaning up the area in the basement with the aid of some new rolling shelves.

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

- There were 104 members in attendance at the January meeting which included 4 new members and 3 guests. Currently there are 149 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.

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

Gail MacCartney, one of our three Vice Presidents, has been at Saint Mary's Health Center first with pneumonia and now being observed for heart disease including afib heart condition. She is feeling better but needs our support, so please share a card or email with her. I did talk with her and know she will appreciate hearing from you.

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

- Please remember to use the new check and income submittal forms posted to the website, or the new Quilt Show 2020 Check Request and Income Submittal form if applicable. The forms are available 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.
- 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.

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: 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.

HANGING SLEEVE INSTRUCTION VIDEOS



As promised, below are links to videos for how to make and apply a hanging sleeve. Candy Gresham finds these helpful and is working on a tutorial which she'll get out soon. In the meantime, these should help you if you are struggling. Both videos are good.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLv21TeLZaY&t=218s>
By Libby Lehman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvS-YxSWick&t=3s>
By Suzy Williams of Suzy Quilts - a little longer but good

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

QUILT SHOW CHAIR: Darla Gibson

- Quilters! We are 7 weeks from Quilt Show Set Up! I know you are working on finishing those quilts. I believe we have over 350 quilts to be displayed at the show! That is amazing and wonderful and I'm so happy that you have come through to make the show beautiful!
- We are still looking at some volunteers for the show positions. We will forward an email next week, once we get the list updated from Tuesday's meeting. So many of you kindly volunteered! Thank you so much!
- Also, thank you for all the compliments on how well the meeting went Tuesday. I had several people reach out to me and I appreciate it. I was sorry that we were not able to get out early BUT, so glad that snowy stuff held off! Let's continue the good weather vibe into our March show!
- I will be sending various emails over the next few weeks, as well as getting some publicity out on Face Book. Don't forget, if you are a Face Book user to go to our guild page @BitsnPiecesQuiltGuild, and find the Event that we have put together and share this on your page.
- Please know that the Committee is available for questions on sleeves, labels and pillowcases if you need us. Just reach out to me at ddgibby64@yahoo.com and I'll get your questions answered.
- Thank you all! I hope your excitement for the show is building! I can't wait to see your quilts!

RAFFLE QUILT: Priscilla Kosednar

LET'S SELL SELL SELL!

We need a big push to sell tickets as we head into the home stretch for the Raffle Quilt Fundraiser!

The Raffle Quilt Team needs volunteers at :

Jackman's Fabrics in Creve Coeur for two days:

- President's Day Sale, Monday, Feb. 17,
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Leap Year Day Sale, Saturday, Feb. 29.,
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Time slots are 2 hours each. Please use the following link on Sign Up Genius to select a time slot.

<https://tinyurl.com/BNPafflequilt>

If you cannot access the link for some reason, please reach out to Priscilla Kosednar at pkosednar@sbcglobal.net or Jane Unger at jane_ungerbaumstark@me.com

Thanks to all who turned in their money and ticket stubs at the January meeting. John Rutkowski was the winner of the special drawing that was held that night. Close to \$900 was received from the mem-

bership bringing the total to about \$3400. Two-thirds of the membership have fulfilled their obligation to sell or pay for 4 packets of tickets (\$20). Cindy Pfotenhauer announced the leaders in the contest for selling the most tickets. They are in alphabetical order

Linda Biederman
Edie Cornell-Smith
Mary Lou Knox
Carol Million
Chris Williams

- These numbers are very close and several others are just below the top 5. Good luck ladies.
- However, there are too many of you who have not picked up your ticket envelope. There is still time to have them mailed. Every member is expected to sell 24 tickets. Many of you prefer to simply sell them to yourselves or just make a \$20 donation. Choose the method you would like to use to support your guild. The remaining envelopes will be at the February 25, meeting.
- The month of February will be a busy one for Raffle Quilt sales. We will display the quilt at two upcoming sale days at Jackman's: President's Day Sale, Monday February 16, 10-8 and Leap Day Sale Saturday, February 29, 10-4. Please check Signup Genius for time slots that have not been filled. These events not only raise funds for the guild, but give us a chance to talk with quilters about the quilt show. To date slightly more than \$1000 has been raised at store events.
- If you have a favorite quilt shop you think would be a good spot for one of these events, please let us know.
- We still need a few workers at the Raffle Quilt table during the Quilt Show. Please use Signup Genius to volunteer.
- Thank you to everyone who has worked to make this a successful fundraiser. Less than two months until someone wins the beautiful A-Team's Rose of Sharon quilt.



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

CHARITY RAFFLE: Marge Whitehead

- We can use some more CLEAN baskets of all sizes. All the made up baskets all look great but I have a lot more baskets to make up.
- February meeting will be the last time allowed for donations to be added to the raffle baskets.
- All donated items that are not used in the raffle baskets will be brought back to the Bits meeting on March 24 and put on the entrance table by the front door for pick up from people that want their donated items back. At the end of that meeting what's left on that table will go to charity sharity.
- Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the Fischer house and the charity raffle committee.

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Missouri Bicentennial Quilt Project

The St. Charles County Libraries are doing a block of the month (BOM) to celebrate the Missouri Bicentennial.

The final quilt will be about 60" x 72" using 12 ½" unfinished blocks. Most blocks are pieced but there is some applique.

Block patterns have to be picked up at the library and there will be demo days at the Spencer Road Branch to learn how to make the blocks.

Please contact the St. Charles County Library to learn more.

KALONA QUILT SHOW

Kalona Quilt Show and Sale, 2020

511 C Ave, Kalona, IA. 52247

Located in the Kalona YMCA. East Entrance

- Thursday, April 23, 5 pm – 8pm
(EVE. ONLY)
- Friday, April 24, 9 am – 7 pm
- Saturday, April 25, 9 am – 5 pm

Admission Charged \$6.00 good for all 3 days.

Sponsored by the Woodin Wheel 515 B. Ave. Kalona, Ia.

319-656-2240

Email katie@woodinwheel.com

Over 250 New and Vintage Hand Quilted Quilts on display and for sale. Many are Amish / Mennonite made.

If you wish to have more information call the above number or email. The Chamber of Commerce will send out Kalona information.

Hope to see you there!
Katie Karnes and Brenda Herington
Woodin Wheel