

## SPECIAL EDITION - COVID-19 AND US



### **COVID-19** Coronavirus

**T**his virus has literally shut down the entire world. Every country, province, kingdom, state, city, and hamlet has been affected by this virus.



There is no vaccination, no treatment, not enough testing kits, extreme shortages of medical equipment and personal protection gear and a massive number of committed first responders and medical staff fighting daily to stop the spread and the death toll.

The Great Depression and the “Great Recession” were the last times Americans felt the absence of plenty. Fast forward several generations and today’s Americans are blindly fighting an invisible but deadly virus. We have been ordered to “Shelter in Place” for many long weeks and have watched the dissolution of a brisk and healthy economy as we are again face the absence of plenty.

No medical expert really knows exactly how and when Covid-19 will be eradicated nor when the people of the world can safely flip that “Closed” sign to “Open”.

But amidst all this doom and gloom, sewing machines across the world have been fired up to answer the call for personal protection equipment. Sewing studios, small niches, tabletops, and all available spaces have been converted to mask making factories. Many of our own guild members have become mask making masters, churning out piles of face masks for family, friends, neighbors, homeless, hospitals, clinics, first responders, medical and essential staff, just about everyone in need of a mask.

**NOTICE**

**This is not your normal newsletter that you have grown to know and love.**

Since the entire state of MO has been in "lock down" mode for several weeks, then our 2020 Fanfare of Quilts, our March, April and possibly May guild meetings were canceled, AND consequently no newsletters were issued, Jean Goldsberry asked me if I would be interested in presenting a "Special Edition". She must have read my mind!

Would I be interested? Are you kidding! Since the "presses" have been repressed, this verbose scribe has had "keyboard withdrawal", chomping at the bit, so to speak, to write a newsletter. And since we all have been under quarantine restrictions, this was to be a special Covid-19 edition **all about us.**

Thus, you will find that the usual placement of news items are not in their usual places, that some reports are not included, and that the majority of this issue is focused on the stories some of you have shared.

Thank you to those who provided articles of what you've done during the Covid-19 quarantine. Thank you to those who went unsung but generously gave your time and talents to help others during this pandemic. And thank you to those who worked on quilts and things.

Quilters are a generous and giving group. From a quilt to a potholder is needed, they provide. Thank you for your generosity of heart and hands.

Cindy Holten, Editor

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

These are challenging times. I have also heard them called unprecedented, historic, abnormal, surreal and just plain weird. I usually think of a challenge as a good thing.

The definition of challenge is "a stimulating task or problem" or "an invitation to compete". A challenge gives us an opportunity to think creatively. Sometimes we can pick and choose which challenges we want to accept. Sometimes we challenge ourselves to a task. This corona virus challenge and the shelter in place that goes with it is a challenge none of would have voluntarily accepted but we all must endure as best we can.

Many of you have taken the challenge to make cloth masks for friends, family and various organizations. I challenge you to make a small 12x12 Covid19 inspired quilt to show at the next meeting. Challenge yourself to do something that gives you joy everyday.

The quilt guild challenge for this year is brought to you by Kay Strebeck. I encourage you to use your creativity and take this fun challenge. Get your mind off COVID-19 and quilt away.

Even though these times have been challenging for all, I have seen good things come out of it. I have seen people show kindness and generosity. I have seen creativity in the way people connect from a distance.

Life is really simple but we insist on making it complicated - Confucius. Enjoy the simple things.

I am looking forward to when we can meet again, in the mean time challenge yourself.

Jean Goldsberry  
President

## Quilted Quilts , Made Masks , Finished UFOs , Cleaned Studio , Zoomed Quilt Buddies , Read Books . . .

The entire world was shut down. All shops, malls, restaurants and fabric stores were shuttered. All conferences, sports, and events canceled. Even our own 2020 Fanfare of Quilts show, that we'd all worked so hard on, was canceled as well as several subsequent guild and mini group meetings. So what can our guild members do during this lengthy quarantine? As the old saying goes, "When dealt lemons make lemonade"... So when quilters are faced with indefinite quarantine, they make quilts . . .

Many of our members shared what they have been doing during this time of uncertainty and quarantine. Some worked on their growing To Do List and others also shared how they answered the need for personal facial masks.

**Jean Goldsberry** - sent this helpful missive, in part: "...I know we all want to get back to our meetings and see our quilting friends but we need to make sure it is safe to do so. When we meet next will depend on recommendations by the health department, the CDC, and the Salem Methodist Church..." She then made several suggestions for how we could fill your social distancing time:

1. Clean and organize your sewing room
2. Make quilts to be donated to Cover Our Kids (See "Favorite Quilt Websites", pg. 7)
3. Make cloth masks
4. Work on UFOs
5. Call guild members to chat, especially those who live alone
6. Support your local quilt shops by shopping online or buying gift cards
7. Search the internet for quilt patterns and ideas
8. Jean's Small Challenge: Make a 12" x12" Covid-19 inspired quilt for our next Show and Tell.
9. Start a new project
10. Plan to participate in the Guild 2020 Challenge. (added by Editor, pg 8)
11. Take frequent breaks when sewing/quilting: stretch, walk, and eat chocolate (added by Editor)
12. Smile and know that we will meet again.

It began as an announcement that a possible flu-like illness may hit our shores. Self isolation was suggested if you had certain conditions or had any symptoms. Only professionally made N95 Masks and those made of Special Filtering Cloth were to be worn as protection against the virus. Then the virus swept across our nation and the N95 masks were unavailable for the first responders, medical personnel, and the general public. And it was because of this scarcity and the rapid spread of the virus, the CDC issued the call for handmade masks.

Sewing machines across the world were fired up to answer the call for masks. Sewing studios, small niches, tabletops, and all available spaces were converted to mask making factories. An army of quilters and sewers of all levels answered that call. Many of our own guild members have been churning out face masks for family, friends, neighbors, organizations, the homeless, hospitals, clinics, first responders, medical and essential staff...just about everyone in need of a mask. Some of our guild members shared what they did during quarantine.

**Mary Lou Knox** - I have been busy like everyone else: sewing, reading, cleaning, and face timing with my grandchildren. I have finished two projects, a quilt and a wall hanging, donated bunches of fabric and elastic to various friends...so I have kept busy.

**Chris Williams** - Gathering suggestion: Before the St. Louis County parks were closed, a group of us met to "visit" and it worked out well. We met at the Queeny Park parking lot across from the main building. Each of us drove our own car and parked in every other parking space in two rows facing each other. We each stood in front of our car and had a show and tell, talked about what we were doing, quilting projects, families, whatever...just to visit. There were only 10 of us, which seemed to be a grouping that kept us all able to talk and hear each other and still keep safe social distancing. It really helped to see and hear from our quilting friends...something fun to try.

Beginner's Luck - We are having our first Zoom meeting on Tuesday afternoon, May 5th. Lisa Smith will be demonstrating Bargello quilts. This is our first Zoom gathering and may not be the last. Members will be notified of the schedule each month as the social distancing continues.

Fun Sew Days: The Fire Department continues to be closed to groups. As soon as they open their facility to groups, we will continue our Fun Sew Days. In the meantime, Chris Williams has organized Zoom Fun Sew Days. An email was sent to those who signed up for the May 2 date and those people were given first opportunity to participate in the Zoom meeting. As the Zoom meetings continue, those who have signed up for attending the Fun Sew Days will be given first dibs to "attend". Chris will contact those who have signed up about 2 weeks before the meeting. If you wish to sign up for the June 6 Fun Sew Day, please contact Chris Williams ([cwwill@earthlink.net](mailto:cwwill@earthlink.net).) Looking forward to seeing you all - hopefully soon!

## COVID-19 AND US . . . WHAT WE DID DURING THE WORLD/STATE-WIDE QUARANTINE

**Bonnie Paulsmeyer** - made 172 masks to date for St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, Parkway School District Food Service, family, friends, and neighbors.

**Mary Lou Bowler** - made 56 for a hospital project and 50 more for Autumn View Gardens employees, made many for family & friends. Then someone on her neighborhood Facebook page asked for some and it took off from there. She also made some for coworkers who are caregivers.

**Irene DiRuscio** - made 50 masks, three different kinds, all from patterns found on the internet. They have gone to Hooper Bay Alaska, where my granddaughter, Brittany, teaches. Some were for her & others for her Alaska family with 5 children ages 10 yrs. to 2 yrs. Some masks went to my daughter & family in Monroe Louisiana, some to my sister-in law in Ft. Meyers Florida, several to lab techs at Washington University, the rest for me, my sons & their families. And I just finished quilting & binding a quilt for Cover our Kids and have 2 more quilts to do. I hope & pray our country is able to get this virus under control so we can get on with our lives.

**Jean Goldsberry** - has made masks for family and friends. She sent masks to a daughter in North Carolina. A friend who lives in Virginia sent her some Virginia Tech fabric to make into masks which were shipped back to Virginia.

**Jennifer Chan** - and has been making masks for family and friends all over the United States as well as for the homeless. She also just sent 50 masks to Hawaii for frontline personnel such as nurses, assistants, etc.

**Judie Benedum** - made 69 masks and gave 40 to her church. The rest she gave to family and friends.

**Patti Moreland** - I'll be honest, I wasn't very productive at the beginning of this quarantine. And I was not planning to get on the Rosie the Riveter band wagon making masks... until my sister, a nurse at a surgery center and my daughter-in-law, a nurse practitioner at Siteman Cancer Center "guilted" me into it. My daughter-in-law sent me the face mask pattern from St Luke's Hospital and said she ordered elastic (which turned out to be a lifetime supply) and was having it shipped to my house. So on April 5, I started making masks for my daughter-in-law and her team at Siteman, my sister and her team at the surgery center, for my family and for neighbors.

Who could have ever guessed that I would be making "Easter Masks" this year along with Easter Bunnies for my grandchildren and nieces and nephews children? I made 21 "bunny masks" and couldn't stop myself. I've made about 125 masks so far and don't see an end in sight. Here's a picture of the Masked Bunnies. (See photo on page ).



**Patti Moreland's Masked Bunnies**

**Bonnie Paulsmeyer** - I have totally organized my fabric and have completed five quilt tops from scraps. I have about five more partially cut out and ready to sew. > But more importantly, I have made 172 face masks to date. I have made 72 for St. Luke's Hospital with nose wires and pockets for filters. The others I have made were just regular masks (Missouri Star Quilt Company pattern) and were given to St. Louis Children's Hospital (20), Parkway School District food service workers (22), and family, friends, and neighbors (58).

I have provided all of the fabric and some elastic. Hickory Stick in Hannibal, MO donated some of the elastic (with the purchase of thread and fabric) as well as my daughter, Amy Harfst, and my cousin, Dianne Walkenhorst. Needless to say, I still have fabric, and I plan to continue making masks for those needing them. I am glad to be able to help even if it is in such a small way.

Thank you for "checking in" with the members. I think we are all very fortunate to be quilters. We have plenty to do to keep us busy and happy. Happy sewing!

**Kay Strebeck** - This is what I have been doing with my COVID-19 "vacation": Making Masks...only a dozen or so for family and friends, so far. St Luke's hospital is the pattern I've been using lately; Quilting...finished a quilt top for my brother and I'm doing my COVID-19 quilt right now. Completing other UFOs. Need to get them all to my quilter's front porch in May. On my To Do List is to clean and organize my Sewing Room.; Gardening...I planted my vegetable garden this week; Facebook Marketplace...I've been selling some of my mom's antiques. So far it has been great fun. I'm taking my time and enjoying the process; Family...I've been enjoying my daughter who escaped Chicago to work out of Mom and Dad's basement. Yesss! My husband and I walk the dog every day and enjoy Happy Hour at 5PM. Miss seeing my Sewing Sisters, etc.

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**Carol Lovelace** - Greetings all. My mask-making skills have improved dramatically. The pleasure in mask making outweighs the pressure and tension, and all are given away. I've lost count...maybe over 500, and requests for more keep coming in. As I've worked through my stash, it's been fun to reminisce as I unfold each piece I select for a mask. My local shop has delivered some beautiful batiks directly to my home. We are well, we are safe, and I look keenly forward to seeing you all again. Persevere, and keep smiling! I was proud of this chaining technique in my Mask Factory and paused to take this pic, only to discover that the bobbin had run dry on 4 that had already gone through the machine. Oops! (See photo on page )



**Carol Lovelace's Mask Factory**

**DJ White** - Cindy, what a great idea for us to share! Lately I found packed away a disappearing nine patch I'd started, only God knows when, and am working on that now. I have made masks, several kinds, and actually a friend needed 12 and when he picked them up he wouldn't take them without paying me. . . so got \$70 to use on more fabric. My wish is all to be safe and I truly miss everyone!

**Jane Dodge** - I had a special request from family in Southern California for a masks for a child. But she wanted it to have Unicorns. So, it did not take me very long, maybe 10 min, to find Unicorn fabric from a good guild friend, Mary Lou Knox, (membership) So we sent this to a happy little young lady in California.

**Joyce Zepp** - I began my quarantine March 17, after having spent a couple weeks in Florida with one of my daughters. Since then I have finished a quilt I thought I would hate (but love) and am currently working on one I thought I would love (but so far hate). I have also spent time trying to get some flower beds ready to plant at my new home. Unfortunately, the former owners filled every flowerbed with layer upon layer of pebbles, and getting rid of those is an endless task. Lastly, I have read several books.

**Linda Keeler** - I've been having a great time during quarantine! I learned about Zoom and have been visiting my friends from all over. Not only have I been sewing and visiting with my friends right here in St Louis, I have been sewing with friends in California and Nevada, too. We usually get together almost every day. Some of us have been making masks for various charities/people. I just sent off 5 quilts to my longarmer. If it wasn't for Zoom I know I wouldn't get much accomplished. When I make plans to get together it makes me get up and do something.

I'm also getting together with the paper piecing group on Tuesdays. We have had 3 meetings and have started making some of the star blocks from the book. I think they're getting it! I feel a sense of accomplishment when I learn something new. If you've signed up for this mini-group I've sent out a couple emails. If you didn't get them and want to come to our online meetings text me and I will give you the meeting ID number. We're meeting every Tues at 1 for a couple hours.

**Cindy Holten** - I finished several Scraps quilts, made masks for family near and far, cleaned my sewing room, found several ready-to-quilt quilts languishing in boxes, one of which is currently on my quilting machine, sorted a boxful of scraps, worked on a shadow box project, participating in two on-line BOMs, and did some yard work.

**Debra Kramer** - Yes, I have been making masks for St. Luke's hospital and for my children and grandchildren. I used the pattern that St. Luke's recommended. My daughter-in-law has a nurse friend who works there and the request came from her. However, I would prefer working on my UFOs!! I made a few blocks for Crazy Quilters, started a new quilt, ran out of fabric for that, so am now waiting for my order to arrive from Fat Quarter Shop so I can finish it. It's a new bed quilt for my guest bedroom and then I plan to paint the nightstands! I finished an old project which is zipper bag with many compartments - that was a difficult project!! And finished a darling machine appliqué penguins table runner top, which was a gift from a quilter friend. Now to quilt it! And I started a Mystery Quilt with Candy Grisham, finishing up a scrappy king size quilt top I started In January 2018, which was a use your scraps challenge.

I am grateful for this wonderful hobby while in quarantine. It has kept me occupied while I miss my dear family and friends. I miss seeing everyone and cherish all my quilting friends more than ever:) Thank you for doing this!

**Mary Ann Barr** - It is not great to be unable to see everyone, but I have gotten work finished. I did do about 70 masks for family, friends and neighbors. I have finished some pages on my quilted journal. I did a challenge with Quilting Arts magazine.

**Nancy Peters** - I have been busy in my "sweat shop". With my novelty fabrics, I made masks for my daughter Mary's practice. I've been working on my UFOs but not making much of a dent as my list is large. Trying new patterns for Scraps group and cutting kits. Making comfort foods like cakes and cookies! Anxiously waiting to see you all and go on a vacation!

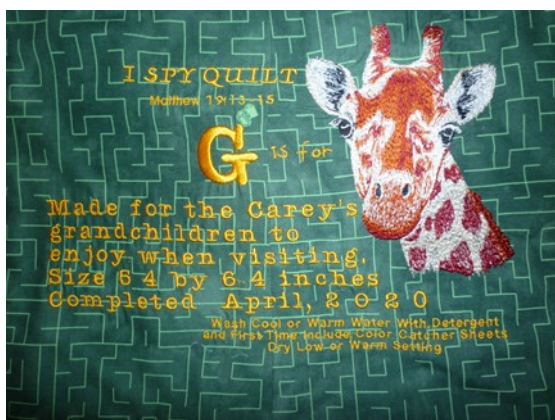
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**Ruth-Elizabeth "Betsey" Gardner** - A friend and I made 90 masks for Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End, the police and various friends and relatives. I finished an 85" x 85" "Barn Raising" quilt top with Star Wars fabrics AND Thirty 19.5" Lemoyne Star blocks for an unknown quilt top or tops. Also naps, dog walks and endless phone calls.

**Linda Biederman** - I have made 100 masks for St. Luke's Hospital and about 30 for family and friends and I am still making them, along with Cheryl Chapman. Should you like to make masks for St. Luke's I would be happy to pick them up at your house and take them to the hospital. I am a volunteer at St. Luke's, but for now all volunteers are staying home. I just call the Volunteer Office and someone comes to my car to thankfully take them inside.

**Sherry Mueller** - These are the constructive things that I've been doing, other than just being real lazy and working on puzzle books. In an effort to move books and file folders off the floor and tabletops so I wouldn't keep knocking them over, I needed to find space in the bookcases. The only thing that was "expendable" was to tackle decades of magazines and a few books. As I was pulling the articles and designs that I wanted to keep, I remembered stash fabric that would work with some of the quilt patterns. I now have 10 more complete quilt kits that will be added to my UFO list for 2020! One of my sisters asked me to make her a cloth mask, and that started the inevitable factory assembly line of mask making. After making the offer to the rest of my family (and extended family) to make 2 for each of them, I had made and shipped 76 of them. A few neighbors came next, then a nursing home in Fenton, and some for the food service people at a church (once they begin gathering again). After 120 of them, I had to take a break. So I oiled up the longarm, and have started on the quilting of the 10 tops that have been hanging in the closet. Maybe a few will actually get done??

**Shirley Handlang** - I was just wishing we could do show and tell. I made 5 I Spy Quilts. (Photos of 2 labels attached). Thanks for all the newsletters past.



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There are many Quilt and Face Mask **patterns** available on the Internet . You can search on YouTube, Pinterest, Blueprint, or just type in "Face Masks" when you are on the Internet. Below are just a few samplings of face masks and quilt patterns on the Internet:

### Face Mask Pattern websites

Pattern recommended by St. Luke's Hospital:

<https://www.stlukes-stl.com/development/documents/homemade-mask-specs-directions.pdf>

Easy Face Mask With Adjustable Tension

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Im-T69flY4U>

Washable Mask w: Triple Cotton Layers & Wire. Designed to be worn alone w/ Roomier Fit.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zq2jae0dd9k>

How to Make a DIY Face Mask Olson pattern 2020 EASY Version (COVID-19)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ep\\_EUFqWgM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ep_EUFqWgM)

Making Masks: Comfortable, Safe, Effective Masks for Every Face

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ofzcxXF1ESU>

Making a mask with a 21" square of fabric and an Ear Saver

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkazQFX5yoo&feature=em-uploademail>

Donna Jordan's Really Simple Face Mask

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3iqudjup3q&feature=youtu.be&mc\\_cid=0769d2ef22&mc\\_eid=8b38bbad0f](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3iqudjup3q&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=0769d2ef22&mc_eid=8b38bbad0f)

### Favorite Quilt Websites

Caryl Bryer Fallert Gentry has a web site that has galleries of her work. There is also a tab where she has free patterns and instructions:

<http://www.bryerpatch.com/faq/faq.htm>

Quilt Pattern Gallery. Instructions can be downloaded for free.

<https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/free-quilting-patterns/>

Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilting has many tutorial on youtube for fun, easy quilts.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MissouriQuiltCo/videos?app=desktop>

Basic tutorial on how to create a fabric collage art quilt from a photo.

<https://weallsew.com/create-a-fabric-collage-art-quilt-from-a-photo/>

How to make a quilt binding with flange:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19QQAj275xk>

How to add a facing to your quilt for a borderless finish.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMhvSr93Bhl>

National Quilt Museum - has photos of many award winning quilts along with on-line exhibits

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-national-quilt-museum>

International Quilt Study Center and Museum - photos of quilts

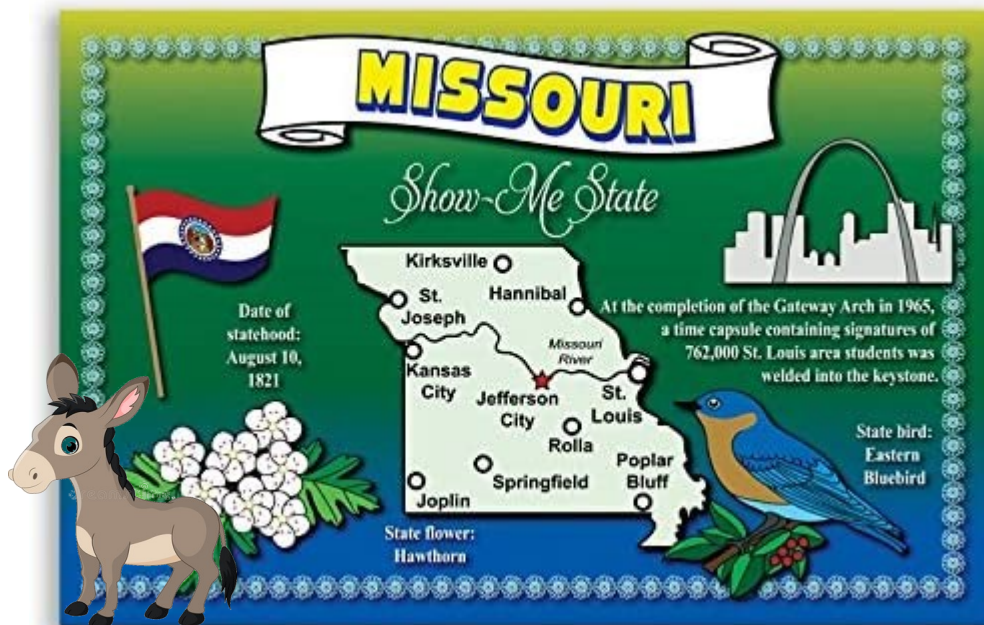
<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/international-quilt-study-center-museum>

Watch PBS shows on line:

<https://video.ninenet.org/search/?q=quilt>

## THE GUILD CHALLENGE

Bits N Pieces Quilt Guild 2020 Challenge  
Missouri Bicentennial Challenge  
Kay Strebeck, Coordinator



On 10 August 2021, our great State of Missouri celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of becoming the 24<sup>th</sup> State of the United States. This Challenge is a way for us to commemorate this Anniversary of Statehood.

There are many directions the theme of this Challenge could take you; our State animal is the Mule, our State bird is the Eastern Bluebird, our State flower is the White Hawthorn, our State Song is The Missouri Waltz, etc. Perhaps there is a landmark or a photograph from Missouri that you find inspiring. Traditional quilters might use the Missouri Star as a focal point. Or you might want to design a Birthday Card for our great State!

Here are the parameters:

- ♥ Quilt should measure no smaller than 12"x12" and no larger than 24"x24". It may be rectangular within these dimensions, such as 12"x18", and can be oriented as portrait or landscape.
- ♥ Quilt must be your original concept and work, and should not infringe on copyright restrictions. Example: If your work comes from a photograph, it should be your own or you should have permission to use it.
- ♥ Quilt must have a minimum of three layers (Top, Backing, and Batting) and be quilted. Embellishments can be used to enhance your quilt. Any embellishments or extensions must not extend past the 24"x24" limits.
- ♥ Quilts will be judged on workmanship and how well your quilt represents pride in our State and its Bicentennial.
- ♥ Quilts will be due at the October 2020 meeting.

Have fun and take advantage of this time to be creative and show your pride in our Beautiful State of Missouri and its Bicentennial!





## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **COK and MORE: Gay Stewart, Tamra Phelps**

- The fabric storage shelves have been purchased, assembled, and filled. Quarantine happened before much sorting and organizing could be done. There is so very much fabric!
- Hope you're getting lots of stitching done. COK can't wait to see everything that's been accomplished. If you need an easy no brainer quilt pattern: Cut 5 1/2 inch squares and sew them together. Or cut any size squares. I've spent countless hours going through my boxes (yes boxes) of scraps, pressing if needed and cutting strips & squares to share with you. Found some pretty good stuff in there too! Surprised!
- As soon as Salem is open to COK, we'll get busy to be ready for whenever our next meeting is. I know I'm ready. I'm missing our meetings and group gatherings.
- If you've completed any part of a COK kit and want to turn it in, we can arrange a touch-free exchange somewhere.
- Any questions or just want to talk COK (no COVID 19) you can call me at 314-278-6343. Stay safe and well. KEEP STITCHING.

### **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 are currently 173 members on our Bits and Pieces Quilt Guild roster which includes 7 new members.
- *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**

- Detailed information about Toddhall, bedrooms, meals, etc. can be found on our website under *Guild Activities*.
- Contact the designated coordinator for questions pertaining to a particular retreat.

#### **Susan Calzone**

[sesnowzone@charter.net](mailto:sesnowzone@charter.net)

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

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

#### **Laurie Schrader**

[laurieaschrader@gmail.com](mailto:laurieaschrader@gmail.com)

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

August 7-9.

#### **Sue Meyer**

[suziequilt@hotmail.com](mailto:suziequilt@hotmail.com)

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

October 5-8, 2020.

*Retreats are managed separately. Funds paid for one retreat are not transferrable to another retreat.*

### **SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.**

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

- **Debra Kramer** - Her grandson's 5th birthday was April 29 and his mom organized a surprise birthday parade to drive by their house. The Manchester police and firetruck, his teachers, family and friends participated!
- **Peggy Anderson** - In the March West News Magazine is an article about Peggy Anderson's "Love Entwined" Quilt which she has been working on this quilt for six years! But the fruits of her labor together with her awesome quilting skills have been noticed by the American Quilter's Society. And her stunning quilt will be on exhibit at the AQS QuiltWeek, located at Schroeder Expo Center in Paducah, KY, September 2-5, 2020. Congratulations, Peggy. I hope your quilt is awarded the Janome America Best of Show! Please send your congratulations to Peggy Anderson for this awesome achievement.
- **Rita Nyhoff** - Brother-in-law died in April. Let's keep Rita and her family in our thoughts and prayer and send her our support through cards and emails. Stay safe and healthy.
- **Dar Sfora** - Her husband, Hank, passed in May. Bits showed their support by and Dar sent this awesome "Thank you" she'd sent: I am at a loss for words that will adequately express all my feelings for the multitude of cards, emails and text messages I received in April. The number of cards I received was overwhelming. It brought tears or smiles as I read each one. It was comforting to know that many of my quilting friends from Bits had me in their prayers and thoughts while I was going through such an awful ordeal that was made worse because of the Covid 19 situation. You will never know what an encouragement and warm feeling this was to me. Thank you so much from my heart for being there when I needed a kind word and love that was expressed by you all. **You are the best quilting guild ever and very special to me.**
- **Cindy Holten** - Lost her brother-in-law in March. He was a generous and kind man, a finished carpenter, and a gardener extraordinaire. He will be sorely missed.

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](mailto:Lkampwaugh@charter.net) or call me at 314-909-8559.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

### **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](mailto:sandyrekowski@yahoo.com).

### **UFO: Sarah Weible**

- It was mentioned at our fall planning meeting, that members were wanting more prizes for UFOs. I decided to have a drawing for those participating in March to try to get more people to sign up.
- Usually, we stop taking forms at the March or April meeting, but I'm just going to take whatever, whenever this year. When a project is complete, normally they need to show it at show and tell at the meeting for credit.
- Credit comes as square inches of the piece. I am, for now, just asking for a photo with the measurements and who quilted it and how. Money prizes historically were awarded in January. I believe I'll award cash prizes in July and then again in January. Maybe another participation drawing in October.
- Some of you ladies have been very busy! Thank you for the lovely photos of you and your completed projects, it's been something that has brightened my day when I see the emails.
- It's never too late to e-mail a list of your UFOs to me at [s.weible@gmail.com](mailto:s.weible@gmail.com)! You can download a form from the Bits website or just send a list of the working title and about when you started the project. It's that simple. When a project is completed – just take a photo and e-mail that along with the size, how it was quilted, who quilted it, and when it was finished.
- The first drawing for prizes was done in late March (when we would have normally had our meeting). The winners were: Sherry Mueller, Candy Grisham, and Nancy Stratte. They won a 7 spool collection of Guttermann basic color thread. These prizes were awarded for just turning in a form! Just a reminder to those winners....I am keeping your prizes safe until our meetings have begun again.
- I'm looking forward to seeing all those beautiful photos of all your hard work!

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**IF THE MAY 26 GUILD MEETING  
IS NOT CANCELED:**

**Presenter: Barb Warner  
Title: My Miscellany 1961 Onwards**

### **THE NEVER WAS FANFARE OF QUILTS 2020**

Hello from your Chairperson of "The Show That Never Happened!"

This was my first time leading the Show Committee. I have been thinking about that and I actually wonder, with total humor, if this isn't Karma! When I was president of the guild, I coerced Wendy Richards and Dot Branson into being the Show Chairs. I think this was payback!

It's hard to believe that I am writing an article for the newsletter about a show that was planned so wonderfully and then, couldn't happen. I know that everyone was tremendously disappointed. I know that the team I worked with was devastated! However, I cannot tell you how much I appreciate them and you, for hanging in there while we planned, organized, announced (relentlessly), and got everything ready! We had ONE WEEK to go!

I cannot stress enough that the Show Committee would have been the reason that everything was so perfect! They did so much work and it was a pleasure to plan the show with them! I also am so pleased that all of the guild worked tirelessly on the quilts that would have hung in the show. I was able to work with Nancy Peters on show layout and I got to enjoy all the quilts via pictures. I know how disappointed I was that I could not enjoy them in person. I was also ready to spend money at the vendors! We had great vendors coming to the show and as I was writing the Facebook posts for them, I got to see a preview of their stores – yes, I had things I was ready to buy!

Thank you all! Thank you so much! One of the hardest decisions in all of the planning was the cancellation. I know that many of you wanted us to cancel but I also know that many of you disagreed with the idea. There is good news though! The good news is that since we cancelled when we did, we lessened the amount of money that we owed. If we had waited until the County said we couldn't have the show, we would have had almost full expenses with no way to recoup them. So, there is ALWAYS a silver lining as to why things happen in the order they do!

That all being said, I sent out an email earlier this month with a general idea of costs that we could not recover. I will ask Sandy, our treasurer, to finalize that report and I will give an update in person at the next meeting. So far there haven't been any changes but there may have been a few items outstanding. Therefore, we will get that all put together and report back.

Lastly, I have let Jean Goldsberry and the rest of the Committee know that I will volunteer to Chair the 2022 Quilt Show! I have been told that even though it was "The Show That Never Happened", I did a good enough job that they all think I can plan a show that does happen! I look forward to that and I look forward to seeing all of you again soon!

