

Guild Meeting August 27, 2019

Sandra Bruce It's All About Words



Sandra's presentation will explore a bit of history of how words have played a part in quilts, along with lots of ideas on how to incorporate words into your quilts and sewing projects. It's full of visuals and will inspire you to try it!

Born in Richmond, Va. to deaf parents, she was raised to believe she could do anything she put her mind to. Never did she hear, "you can't make a living as an artist". Sandra thanks her parents, Frank and Charlotte Bruce for believing in her. Like many women, Sandra began her love of sewing at about age 8 from her mother on a treadle sewing machine. She got her own machine as a teenager and never stopped sewing. In 1988, while living in the San Francisco Bay Area, she started a quilting "bee" with quilt artist Therese May and discovered the fun of working on collaborative projects. After moving to the Sierra Foothills in 1990, Sandra took her first official quilting class and has been forever hooked.

She began her quilting business in the fall of 2010 to combine her love of illustration, lettering and quilting. She has been an illustrator and letterer for 35 years, and long arm quilting is really just doing what she'd been doing all these years, but with a different tool. Sandra loves incorporating writing into her quilting, and "drawing" images that echo the motifs in the fabrics.



Sandra lives in Grass Valley, California with Gary, her partner of 37 years, who is her best critic. Her Gammill, a 14-foot long arm machine named Dixie, is located in her quilting studio in historic downtown Grass Valley. She belongs to the Pine Tree Quilt Guild, Artistic Alchemy, SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) as a JAM member, Southern California Quilt Council, and the Northern California Quilt Council. She teaches workshops and classes and finds teaching very rewarding and loves sharing her knowledge of quilting: Material Matrix, Color Dance, and Stitching Words.

For details about her August workshop, see Page 6.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

It is a season of picnics, festivals and outdoor concerts. As I have attended these events this year I have noticed that many people take a quilt to throw on the grass and sit on. I see quilts that look like they were made in China and sold at a big box store. I have also seen what looks like beautiful, antique quilts spread on the grass with a family picnicking happily on grandma's careful stitching. I restrain myself from telling these people they are ruining a family heirloom. Their grandma is probably happy that her quilt can accompany the family and experience joyful occasions. I have made quilts that are to be admired, hung on a wall and never used. I have also made quilts that can be thrown on the grass and used for picnics. I am happy to see a baby quilt I made years later that shows wear and tear from being used and loved.

Sue Meyer planned a fabulous salad supper this month. There was good food, good conversation and a fun game. The beautiful raffle quilt was displayed and some of the makers talked about it. This is a quilt that should never be used for picnics. By playing the game, "Left, Right, Center" many members took home a stack of fat quarters. They could use this fabric to make an heirloom quilt or a picnic quilt. Whether a quilt was made to be used or created to be preserved as art it was made with love and creativity. All quilts are special.

Jean Goldsberry
President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOM: Cindy Pfothenauer

- No updates.
- Please feel free to email me (cindypfot@gmail.com) if you have any questions or if you want to be added to the email list. You are already on the list if you are receiving my emails.

CHALLENGE: Cindy Pfothenauer, Margaret Gaal

- No updates.
- The Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Challenge 2019 is a Whole Cloth Quilt. The objective is to show off the quilting, so quilting is to be done on a plain solid piece of fabric.
- Domestic machine quilting format is 18"x18", Hand quilting format is 18"x18", Longarm quilting format is 36"x36".
- Deadline for the Challenge is the October Meeting. All members are encouraged to participate in this Challenge.
- Additional information may be found on the BnP website under Guild Activities.

COK and MORE: Penny Edinger, Phyllis Bednarek, Mary Ann Barr

- With the great Garden Party meeting in July there is not much to report, except for a new Sew Day! COK will meet for another fun sew day on August 21, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. As always you can come and leave anytime you want. Give us two hours or give us six hours. Either way we can get some work done and also have fun visiting. If you want to piece or quilt bring your machine and tools. Otherwise you can cut fabric for patterns, cut batting or find backing and binding for our finished quilt tops. There is always something to do. Remember we have the batting and fabric. Just bring yourself and your lunch, or you can order out. There is a refrigerator in the kitchen. As always we will meet at Salem Methodist Church at the same place we have our meetings.
- Have a great month and we hope to see you at the sew day.
- Please contact one of the following if you have questions.
 - Mary Ann Barr - (314) 607-4735
mabarr221@yahoo.com;
 - Phyllis Bednarek - (630) 319-4292
phyllisb4@gmail.com;
 - Penny Edinger - (636) 778-0536
jandpedinger@charter.net

LIBRARY: Kay Merz

- No updates.
- *If you just want to relax and enjoy curling up with a good book, don't forget the many quilt related novels your library provides for your enjoyment. Be sure to take advantage of these great opportunities.*

- *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.*
- *Happy Quilting! May your quilting projects tell the story, express the joy, be made with love and be cherished when received.*

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: Kathy Chitwood, Nancy Stratte

- No updates at this time.
- *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 (\$5.00 when there is a national speaker). Encourage your friends to join us.*

RETREATS

Toddhall in Columbia, IL

- Our guild offers several retreats each year for our members. Attendees work on projects of their choosing. If a retreat is full you can ask to be put on a wait-list. General information about our retreats is posted on our website under [Guild Activities](#). Costs vary by attendance, bedroom occupancy, and meals, and are calculated separately for each. Come as a single or room with another guild member. Either way you are sure to have fun.
- Visit the RETREAT table at the guild meeting for more information.
- **Contact the designated coordinator for questions, availability, or to sign-up.**

Susan Calzone, Coordinator - January and June retreats

sesnowzone@charter.net

4day/3night minimum

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

- January 15-18, 2020, add-on day January 14

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

Laurie Schrader, Coordinator – Weekend retreat

laurieaschrader@gmail.com

3day/2nights

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

- August 2,3,4 2019

Sue Meyer, Coordinator – Autumn retreat

suziequilt@hotmail.com

4day/3nights

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

- September 30-Oct.3 , 2019

These retreats are managed separately. Funds paid for a retreat are not transferrable to a subsequent retreat.

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.

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

- **Candy Grisham's** book, Dresden Quilt Blocks Reimagined, from C & T Publishing is now available at local quilt shops, and they can also be purchased from Candy. She is very excited to see her hours and years of writing and thinking through and organizing finally in print. Kudos to Candy for this great accomplishment. You can reach her at: Candyce54@gmail.com
- **Jane Sears Falconer's** "Bob Ross 2019 Cherrywood Challenge" is a finalist and will be traveling throughout the country on exhibition. It will be exhibited in the 2019 Houston International Quilt Show this November, so if you plan to attend this show stop by and see Jane's quilt. Kudos and hip hip hooray, Jane!
- **Sue Meyer** - Thank you to all the quilters who sent cards and emails with well wishes for my foot surgery. It's been three weeks and the stitches are out. I had a bulging vein putting pressure on the nerve in my foot. So I had tarsal tunnel to relieve pain. Every day I have more feeling in my foot.
- **Mary Ann Stark** is asking for more and continued prayer for Christine. Though her surgery is successful, She now has a blood clot and possible infection. Let's continue to storm heaven for Christine's healing.
- *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

- I will not be at the August meeting and will be gone for 2 weeks at the end of August/first of September. If you need something, please mail it to me or have a deposit to make, send me a check for the total. I will get to it as soon as possible.
- *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.
- *Check Request and Reimbursement forms are available on the website. Please submit original receipts for your reimbursements. The guild's website has the "Income Submittal" and "Check Request" forms. Please use them for all money transactions and get the Committee Chairperson's initials on Check Request forms approving the budget item.*
- *For Quilt Show Committee members, please remember to submit your forms with budget categories listed. Thanks!*

UFO: Francine Boillat

- No updates.
- If you have questions, please see me at the UFO table or send me an email. Hope to hear from lots of members.

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

QUILT SHOW CHAIR: Darla Gibson

- Plans for Fanfare of Quilts 2020 are still underway! The Committee is meeting on a monthly basis and although we won't have a business meeting due to the Salad Supper, the Committee is working on all the details!
- Thank you to all who submitted nominees for Featured Quilter! This will be a tough vote for our guild members! We will be contacting those nominated in the upcoming weeks and we will submit those that are interested to the Guild Membership at the September meeting prior to a vote. The vote will take place **AT** the September meeting, so be sure to be there to cast your vote!
- Keep the dates of March 20-22, 2020 on your calendars so that you can be available to volunteer and attend the best quilt show in St. Louis! Don't hesitate to send me questions or suggestions. The Committee is willing to look at new ideas and implement if possible. We have some new ones in place, and unfortunately, some we couldn't implement, but we are willing to hear and discuss ideas! I have been involved in the quilt show in the past but not in this capacity and I am amazed at the level of detail this team goes into! Thank you all for your hard work!
- Keep working on your quilts! We will have entry forms starting at the August meeting so you can submit them! We are expecting 350+ entries so the sooner we get submissions, the easier the planning will be!
- Hope you are having a great summer, and getting lots of quilts finished for the show, during this horrific heat!
- Thank you!



**To
Fanfare of Quilts 2020
180 days
As of 8/1/19
(8/1/19 to 1/28/20)
(Until Reg. Forms are Due)**

RAFFLE QUILT: Priscilla Kosednar

- For those who attended the salad dinner last month, you heard a very informative presentation by Debbie Ernst and the raffle quilt's Paducah experience. From all the steps to enter our quilt, the long wait to hear that it was accepted, to finally preparing the quilt to be displayed and judged. What an honor to have our guild represented in this show. Thank you Debbie.
- Our event at Jackman's on July 4 and 5 was very successful. Thanks to all who gave up part of their holiday to sell tickets and promote the 2020 Quilt Show. They sold 320 tickets!
- REMINDER: Each member has an envelope with 24 tickets, a picture of the quilt and selling direction. If you have not picked up your envelope, PLEASE do so at the August guild meeting. If you are a new member since the March meeting, we have an envelope for you too.
- The next prize for selling tickets will be at the August meeting. We will also have a status report on who the leaders are for the prize given to the member who sells the most tickets.
- 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

- The Quilt Show Charity Raffle Table is still accepting items.
 - Layer Cakes
 - Jelly Rolls
 - Charm Packs
 - Patterns with fabrics
 - Panels with coordinating fabrics
 - Current pattern books
 - Fabrics yardage
 - All sewing notions, blades, thread packs, and any quilt item you would like donate.

WORKSHOP IN AUGUST

August 27 & 28 - Sign-ups will start soon!
Sandra Bruce - Art Quilter and Long Arm Quilter

Sandra's career in illustration and lettering carries into her skills as a quilter and quiltartist. She is an art quilter specializing in a technique she calls "Material Matrix". On Tuesday, August 27th she's teaching "The ABC's of Stitching Words" which will teach you how to create letterforms with your sewing machine. Using free-motion, she will show you how to connect letters and ideas on how to arrange them. This is great for signing your quilts, making labels, and adding that special greeting or sentiment into your quilts. There will be a variety of small projects offered in the workshop to practice writing with your machine.



At the meeting on Tuesday night, Sandra will give a talk called "It's All About Words", and explore a bit of history of how words have played a part in quilts, along with lots of ideas on how to incorporate words into your quilts and sewing projects. It's full of visuals and will inspire you to try it!



On Wednesday, Sandra will teach an all day workshop on her technique she calls Material Matrix. "Material Matrix", is inspired by the painter, Chuck Close. It involves using a gridded photograph and interpreting each 2-inch square into fabric, using piecing to achieve the effect. In the workshop, in addition to the technique, she teaches: what makes a good photo to use, color and value, curved-piecing, and how to grid your own photo. Everyone in the class works on the same project, picking from "Sew Ready", "Wake Up Cup" or "Junior Cardinal".



GROUP SEW DAYS

- **SCRAPS**
 - **Mon AUG 12**
 - Coordinator : Nancy Muskopf, khmnam@att.net
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **COK**
 - **Wed AUG 21**
 - Coordinator : Mary Barr , mabarr221@yahoo.com
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **FUN SEW DAY**
 - **All on Sat: Aug 3; Sep 7; Oct 5; Nov 2; Dec 7**
 - Coordinator : Chris Williams; cwwill@earthlink.net
 - 9 - 5 At West Co EMS & Fire Admin Ofc
 - Contact Coordinator for details.

QUILT SHOW—SPRINGFIELD, MO September 1, 2019

Taylor Baldwin, assistant curator at the Doling Park History Museum located in Springfield Missouri , announced they are having a craft show here in the courtyard at the Museum on September 1, 2019 for Labor Day and would love if your guild would come join them.

The event will be held in the courtyard of the Doling Park Museum which is located at 301 E. Talmage St. Springfield Missouri in the historic Doling Park from 1-4pm. The event will also include reminiscing memories of the golden days of the park, and everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful view of the park from the museum!

If you are interested in joining us in this Labor Day celebration please email me, or our Curator, Peggy Mahan, back at pmahan@springfieldmo.gov or leave a message for one of us at the Northview Center where the number is 417-837-5808.