



Fan Mail

Salem Methodist Church ♥ 14825 Manchester Road ♥ Ballwin, MO
www.bitsnpiecesguild.com

OCTOBER 2019

Guild Meeting October 22, 2019

Cindy Pfothenhauer and Margaret Gaal
present

“Quilting as the Focus”

The 2019 Guild Challenge focuses on quilting.

Sometimes the piecing and fabric design distract our eyes from seeing the art of the quilting design, but our challenge showcases the art of quilting in all of the participants' quilts.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

I have many ideas and thoughts flying around in my brain. I always have multiple ideas for quilts to go along with my stash of fabric. I have more ideas than I have time. But as it is time to write my president's message I am staring at a blank computer screen with no idea what to write.

I stared at a solid piece of fabric for a long time before I decided how I was going to quilt it for the guild challenge. I had many ideas swimming around in my brain. Once I decided what I wanted to do, the quilt started to take form.

An old Chinese proverb states, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step". Likewise, a large quilt begins with a single stitch and a president's newsletter message begins with a single word. Taking that first step or stitch is often the most difficult part. Deciding what to do, then following through can get a quilt done. There is still time to make a challenge quilt for the October meeting. Just take that first stitch.

I am always in awe of our guild members who step up and volunteer. They take that first step by saying "yes". Special thanks to Anne Perry and Louise Morris who will be on the nominating committee. If they ask you to serve as an officer please give it serious thought. Mary Lou Knox and Peggy Anderson will be our membership chairs starting in 2020. Lisa Smith has volunteered to help with Cover our Kids. We still need two more people to help with COK, so please take that first step.

Take that first stitch and quilt on.

Jean Goldsberry
President

MINUTES

24 September 2019

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

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 27, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

Numerous announcements were made: Newsletter deadline is September 27, 2019, Block of the month tops need to be brought to the October meeting, Challenge quilts need to be brought to the October meeting. Fun Sew Days scheduled for November and December still have spots available.

President Goldsberry announced that Anne Perry and Louise Morris have volunteered as the nominating committee to fill the open positions of Vice-President and Secretary for the coming year. We also need volunteers to serve on the Cover Our Kids committee.

Vice-President John Rutkowski introduced David Martelli of Martelli Enterprises to present the evenings' program.

After the presentation, Darla Gibson spoke about the 2020 Quilt Show. She asked for volunteers to provide quilts for the bed turning. She also asked for donations for the white bag raffle to benefit Fisher House.

Darla presented the five nominees for Featured Quilter. The five nominees are Peggy Anderson, Mary Ann Anderson, Judy Humphrey, Chris Williams and Roxann Jasper. Ballots were passed out to the membership. Each member is eligible to cast one vote.

Candy Grisham announced there are four openings available for the One Block Wonder workshop being held October 19, 2019 at Jackman's Fabrics.

After a break at 8:15 pm, the meeting resumed.

Wendy Richards showed several examples of Totems made by Bits Art Quilters. These quilts will be exhibited October 5-6 at Blue Bird Park.

Penny Edinger of COK announced upcoming sew days and reported that 234 quilts were delivered during the period of January through August 2019.

Judy Humphrey thanked everyone for the Honor Flight donations.

Priscilla Kosednar reported that fifty members have not picked up their quilt show raffle tickets.

Nancy Stratte awarded four attendance prizes.

Many members participated in show and tell

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hopkins

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOM: Cindy Pfotenhauer

- No Updates.

CHALLENGE: Cindy Pfotenhauer, Margaret Gaal

- Challenge Reveal!

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

- What a fun night we had at the September meeting! We received 25 completed quilts and lots of kits taken out. Also, a bunch of strips were taken. We still have lots of strips left, so don't miss out on all the fun. Just sew them up to 10.5 inch squares and we'll see what we get.
- We delivered 147 quilts and will make another delivery before Christmas.
- A sew date is scheduled for October 28, 2019 from 9:30 to 3:00, held in the same room as our meetings at Salem Lutheran church. Come all day or just a few hours. Bring your sewing machine and tools if you want to sew or we always need batting cut, backing and binding made or patterns cut for kits. There is a refrigerator for your lunch or you can order out. It's a good way to meet other members and help COK.
- If you are interested in working with COK please talk to us at the meeting or call for information on what needs to be done. We will help who ever takes over to make a smooth transition. There is now one volunteer but we need two more people to join.
- Thank you to everyone who works with COK. It is amazing how many generous people belong to our guild. What a great group.
- 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

- The Guild Library is here for your benefit. We are always looking for new items to add so if there is any book or DVD that you would like to have in your library, please let me know. I encourage you to check out the many DVDs and quilting books available to Guild members. If you are just wanting to relax and enjoy curling up with a good book, don't forget the many quilt related novels your library provides for your

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- *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

- There were 107 in attendance at the September meeting which includes 6 guests. Currently there are 202 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 (\$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. 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.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

Susan Calzone, Coordinator

sesnowzone@charter.net

4day/3night minimum

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

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

Laurie Schrader, Coordinator

laurieaschrader@gmail.com

3day/2nights

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

- To be determined.

Sue Meyer, Coordinator

suziequilt@hotmail.com

4day/3nights

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

- To be determined.

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.

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

- **Nancy O'Hara's** daughter, Ronda McClure, passed away September 22. Ronda was in the last stages of lung cancer. Even though Nancy was prepared for Ronda's passing, this is still a difficult time for Nancy and her family. Blessings, sympathy, and prayers to Nancy and her family. Let's support Nancy through this devastating time of losing her daughter.
- **Candy Grisham's** fabulous book, Dresden Blocks Reimagined, was featured on Quilt In A Day. Congratulations!
- *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

- Members are reminded to complete Check Request and Income Receipt forms available on the website for all transactions. Quilt show committee members should indicate the budget category to which they want it posted.
- 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: Francine Boillat

- Members are busy finishing up their UFO's for this year's contest, must have their UFO's finished by the end of the year and brought to Bits club meeting for show and tell.
- The quilts and objects members have finished and shown so far were fantastic.
- There are additional categories for prizes this year so be sure to get your UFO's completed. Happy Quilting
- 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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GROUP SEW DAYS

- **SCRAPS**
 - **Mon Oct 14**
 - Coordinator : Nancy Muskopf, nmuskopf37@gmail.com
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **COK**
 - **Mon Oct 28**
 - Coordinator : Mary Barr , mabarr221@yahoo.com
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **FUN SEW DAY**
 - **All on Sat: Nov 2; Dec 7**
 - Coordinator : Chris Williams; cwwill@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 for help – Welcome!
 - We would love to see you there.

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

QUILT SHOW CHAIR: Darla Gibson

Things you need to know about the 2020 Fanfare of Quilts!

- Make sure your calendar is marked for **March 21 -22** to attend the show. Also, mark off March 20th so you can be available to assist with set-up!
- In the event, that you know of a member that has passed away since the March 2018 show, please let Patti Moreland or me know so we can make sure that we honor them at our show.
- Please be thinking about what quilts you can put into the show. Grab the form off the website and get it turned in to Nancy Peters. We'd love to get these forms completed prior to the January deadline...just so we know we have some coming in!
- Watch for instructions on dropping off your quilt and your drop off person. Also, make sure that you have it on your calendar to pick up your quilt at the Show SUNDAY night. You will be responsible for getting your quilt back!
- If you have an antique quilt that hasn't been shared at our show in the past, please consider it for our Bed Turning. Every quilt show, we highlight some of our history by presenting a Bed Turning where we share the stories and as much history as possible about quilts from our ancestors. We'd love to highlight something from your family history. See Iris Moor for more information.
- Don't forget that we have a White Bag Raffle! The proceeds from the raffle will all go to Fisher House, a home away from home for our veterans' families when they are in need. If you have a tool – maybe a ruler or iron or something – that you bought but did not enjoy, and is VERY gently used, or maybe you have fabric that just wasn't the right thing (please make sure it is at least a fat quarter, or some type of precut, we don't want scraps) or maybe you have a project that would be perfect in SOMEONE ELSE's house (a finished project that is really nice), consider donating it. Even if it isn't an entire basket, Marjorie White and Lyn DeWitt can package it with other items...
- We voted for the Featured Quilter at the September 24th Meeting. Hope to see you at the October meeting when we make the big announcement and honor our 2020 Featured Quilter! Hope to see you there.
- For questions, don't hesitate to reach out to anyone on the committee or email me directly, ddgibby64@yahoo.com.
- There have been some questions regarding the quilt show Registration Form so I thought I'd use this email for clarification as well as making a slight adjustment to the Quilt Show Registration Form.
- On the last line of the form, it asks how your quilt was quilted. Meaning was it hand quilted, domestic machine quilted, long arm quilted hand guided, or long arm quilted computer guided.

- This question should be answered by indicating the category you would like the quilt to be "judged". In other words, if you used both your domestic machine (say for the stitch in the ditch) and your long arm (for your award winning feathers!) you would want the quilt to be judged in the category of long arm hand guided.
- Remember, our definition of "judge" is that we will have two people from outside the guild, review all the quilts and pick the quilt that best represents in each category as listed on the show form. We will NOT be providing any feedback from the judges.
- If there are any questions about the form, please contact me (Darla Gibson) at ddgibby64@yahoo.com OR Nancy Peters at nancykpeters@sbcglobal.net.
- I hope that this helps in completing your forms. The form can be printed from the website, but you do not need to change the form you are using! And please do NOT forget to print as a TWO sided form!

RAFFLE QUILT: Priscilla Kosednar

- The holidays are fast approaching which means a lot of interaction with friends and family. Don't forget your raffle tickets. If you need more be sure to get them at the October guild meeting. The next drawing for a prize will be in November. Members receive one chance for each 6-ticket set you sell and for each shift worked at a selling event where the quilt is displayed.
- Pat Hall has graciously offered to display the raffle quilt at the Piecemakers Quilt Club this month. If you belong to a group where you would like to display the quilt and sell tickets, just contact any member of the Raffle Committee.
- REMINDER: Each member has an envelope with 24 tickets, a picture of the quilt and selling directions. If you have not picked up your envelope, PLEASE do so at the October guild meeting. If you are a new member since the March meeting, we have an envelope for you too.
- After the Quilt Show we will be awarding a prize for the member who sells the most tickets. The leaders in this competition continue to be Tamera Phelps, Linda Biederman, Edie Cornell-Smith, and Iris Moore. But there is still time for any guild member to sell enough tickets to win this prize.
- 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.

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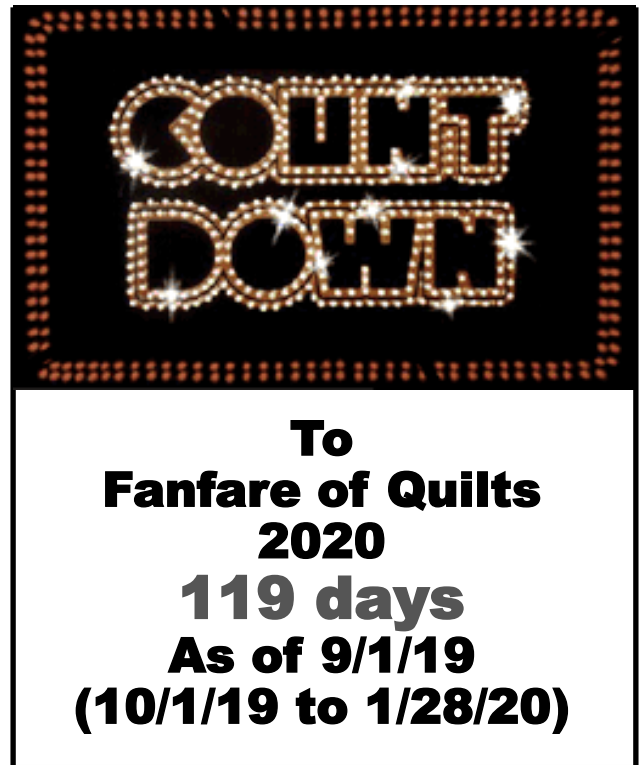
CHARITY RAFFLE: Marge Whitehead

- 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.
 - Gift cards for: Fabric stores, restaurants, gas. These would be great additions for our raffle baskets.
- I want to extend a BIG "THANK YOU!!" for all the great donations to the charity raffle...please keep those donations coming!

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

2018 Guild Challenge Travel Posters: Louise Morris

- To all Travel Poster participants: It's time to be thinking about entering your incredible travel posters from last year's Guild Challenge!! I will be in charge of setting up the display and need to know if you will be participating and, if so, your name, the locale of your poster and whether it is a horizontal or vertical orientation.
- You will need to submit a quilt show registration form, and place your travel poster challenge quilt in a pillow case with your name and travel poster title on the outside of the pillowcase along with "Travel Poster" so it will be routed to the right location.
- I am so excited to be displaying these again! Show off your talent, and where you've been! If you would send me an email or text I would really appreciate it. Louise Morris lcmorris22@aol.com or 314-791-1208



TOTEMS: PERSONAL STORIES IN FIBER EXHIBIT

Enter an enchanted forest of 20 three-dimensional art quilts standing from four- to six-feet tall. Created by Bits Art Quilters, a St.Louis fiber arts group, each totem is an artist's personal story expressed in fiber, fabric, embellishment and stitch.



Bluebird Park
225 Kiefer Creek Road
Ellisville, MO 63021

Oct. 4 - Nov. 1, 2019

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. M - F

Special Exhibit Hours:

Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 6, 12 - 5 p.m.

Artists' Reception 2 - 4 p.m.

QUILTERS' GARAGE SALE

The combined quilters of the Church of the Advent and the SAJE Senior Ministry are having a Quilters' Garage Sale and Holiday Bazaar on November 16, 2019 from 9:00 am until 3:99 pm at the Church of the Advent, 9373 Garber Road in Crestwood. The sale will include handmade items, fabrics, Christmas gifts and holiday décor. We are inviting everyone in the neighborhood to enjoy our offerings and fellowship. We hope you will post this information on your bulletin board and include the information in your regular announcements to your members. If you would like more information about the event or to get flyers, please contact the Church of the Advent at 314-843-0123.

Ceil Piekarski
 Chairperson

One Block Wonder Quilts Workshop October 19, 2019 by Candy Grisham and Marsha Bray

Wow – one fabric and so...many looks!



This class will teach you how to stack fabric repeats and form hexagon blocks to create a kaleidoscope quilt with no two blocks the same. The fun is seeing what you can come up with by arranging the blocks to create your own unique design! You can use yardage or panels. The workshop will be \$20 per person and will be held at Jackman's Fabric in the large classroom. You must be a Bits member to sign up. There are still a few spaces remaining.

To register send your name, email, and cell phone number with \$20 payment to Marsha Bray, 1797 Golden Lake Ct, Chesterfield, MO 63017.