

Guild Meeting November 26, 2019

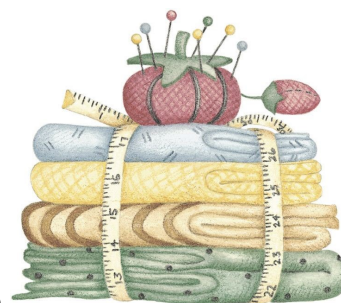
CELEBRATION OF QUILTS

Presented by

The Cover Our Kids and More Committee

The Season of Giving is right around the corner and Cover Our Kids wants to start it with our annual Celebration of Quilts.

Because of your talent and generous support, many children have felt the warmth and love that is stitched into each and every donated quilt. During these last two years we have collected almost 500 beautiful quilts from our members! These quilts have been delivered to five locations: Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, Barnes Children's Hospital, Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition, Epworth Family and Children Services, and Circle of Concern.



Each member who has donated time to complete a quilt top, to quilt the quilt and, yes, even sew on the binding, has touched the lives of so many children in these organizations.

We will also have a display of some of the quilts at our 2020 show in Queeny Park and will, of course, honor all the members who have given so much of their time and talent to produce the hundreds of quilts delivered to area hospitals and other organizations.

A representative from the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition in Brentwood will be our speaker at the November meeting. This organization strives to create permanency in every foster child's life recruiting and supporting foster and adoptive families in the St. Louis metropolitan community. Through their groundbreaking foster care & adoption programs they find families for children when all other methods have failed.

If you would like more information about their facility you can check out their website at: www.foster-adopt.org.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

I often talk about the quilt guild when I am with my family. My son-in-law told me that every time I say the word "guild" he gets the mental image of the of the Wizard of Oz song where the munchkins sing, "We represent the lollipop guild." What is a guild? The definition is, "An association of artisans or merchants who oversee the practice of their craft/trade in a particular area." The word "guild" describes us well. We are a group of artisans who oversee our craft of quilting.

I have been blown away by the artistry of our guild. The totem exhibit by the Bits Art Quilters was amazing. The creativity and beauty of each totem was inspiring. The quilts for the quilt challenge displayed beautiful workmanship. Each was a work of art. I can't wait to see the wonderful quilts that will hang in our quilt show in March. Through our guild we keep the art of quilting alive, thriving and advancing to new levels.

There are many ways that you can help the guild continue to excel by becoming involved in 2020. Volunteer for one of the open positions - vice president, secretary, UFO chair, Cover our Kids. Help with the quilt show. Become involved.

I am not really sure what a lollipop guild does but I am sure that our quilt guild does amazing things.

Jean Goldsberry
President

MINUTES

22 October 2019

Call to Order: The Bits 'N' Pieces Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President, Jean Goldsberry.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from the September Meeting were approved as written.

Announcements:

- Newsletter deadline is Friday, 25 October at 5:00 PM.
- A Fall Retreat is scheduled for 5-8 October 2020 at Todd Hall. You may sign up with Sue Meyer.
- Block of the Month has been moved to November. Cindy Pfotenhauer is absent tonight.
- Cover Our Kids is having their last Sew Day on Monday, 28 October at the Salem Methodist Church, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM. You may stop at table to get more strips. A speaker from Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition in Brentwood will be presenting at the November meeting.
- The fabric for Christmas blocks is available for purchase for \$1.
- The Fun Sew Day for November is full. The Fun Sew Day for 7 December still has openings. See Chris Williams to sign up.
- Charity Sharity has their last pickup this month until after the holidays; if you bring in stuff for the free table in November or December, you must take unwanted items back home with you.-- Jean received a couple of nice thank-you notes from 2 Veterans who received Honor Flight quilts which she read at the meeting.
- Darla Gibson announced that Roxanne Jasper has been selected as the Featured Quilter at the Quilt Show. She was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Program: Margaret Gaal presented the thought process and rules established for the Quilt Challenge which was our Program for this evening.

- The Challenge consisted of 3 categories in whole cloth quilting: Hand, Sewing Machine, Long-Arm Free-Motion, and Long Arm Computer-Aided.
- The voting took place at this time. There were 5 Hand Quilted quilts, 4 Long-Arm Free-Motion quilts, 2 Long-Arm Computer-Aided quilts, and 3 Free-Motion Sewing Machine quilts in the competition. The next phase was voting on the Quilt Challenge. Votes were tallied during the break.

Nominating Committee Report:

Anne Perry and Louise Morse advised that there are openings for the following positions:

- Vice President: There is a need for a new Vice President who will be responsible for Programs. There are 6 months that are covered by existing activities throughout the year, so there is a need for only 6 local people to provide programs for the Bits Meetings in 2020. John has a big folder of ideas for the next VP.
- Secretary: There is need for a Secretary for the next 2 years. It is an easy job.
- Librarian: Kay Merz has been our librarian for several years and is stepping down; we are very appreciative of all of her efforts. Francine Boillat is taking over as librarian.

- UFO Chairman: With Francine moving on, the Guild needs a new UFO Chairman for next year.
- COK Chairmen: There is a need for new Cover Our Kids Chairmen.

Quilt Show: Darla Gibson mentioned the following items regarding the Quilt Show.

- The dates of the Quilt Show are 21-22 March 2020.
- The Volunteer list will go out in January.
- Quilts are needed from the membership at large. Each person should submit at least 2 quilts. There are registration forms available, and a color photo of each quilt needs to be attached to the registration forms. Every quilt needs to have a hanging sleeve. Every quilt needs to have a label that includes the name of the quilt, the quilter's name, and any other information that might be desired by the quilter. Quilts need to be submitted inside of a pillowcase, marked with masking tape with the name of the quilt, the name of the quilter, and the quilter's phone number. (One quilt per pillowcase.) Quilts must be dropped off at designated drop-off person; quilts must be picked up by the submitter at Queeny Park at the end of the show.
- The Charity Raffle proceeds will go to Fisher House. The quilt committee will visit the Fisher House this Saturday.
- Margie Whitehead and Lynn DeWitt are putting together the brown bag raffle of notions and fabric and completed projects; please clean your sewing room and donate pristine or gently-used but unwanted items to the brown bag raffle.

<<Break and Voting>>

Raffle Quilt Tickets: Priscilla Kosednar announced that there is an opening for a worker to sell quilt tickets at the Quilted Fox on Friday afternoon. Anyone who wants to display the quilt and sell tickets at other Guild Meetings, external venues, etc., the quilt is available for display. Extra tickets are also available.

Program/Challenge Awards: The Sewing Machine Quilting winner was Carole Lovelace. The Long-Arm Computer-Aided Quilting prize was won by Judy Vogt. The winner of Free-Motion Long-Arm Quilting was Patricia Hill. And Debbie Ernst won the Challenge for Hand Quilting. Each of the winners received a prize from the Guild for winning the Challenge. Each of the quilts was a work of art and our quilters should be proud of their work.

Membership: Kathy Chitwood and Dot Branson presented two attendance prizes. There were 8 guests, and 84 members present at the meeting this evening.

Additional Announcements: Candy Grisham announced that the Art Bits Group has their Totems Exhibit at Bluebird Park in Ellisville through 4 November.

Show and Tell: There were some amazing and beautiful quilts that were shared this evening. Thanks so much!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Strebeck, Secretary, Bits 'N' Pieces Quilt Guild



And the Winners are . . .

2019 QUILTING CHALLENGE

Carole Lovelace
Sewing Machine Quilting

Judy Vogt
Long-Arm Computer-Aided Quilting

Patricia Hill
Free-Motion Long-Arm Quilting

Debbie Ernst
Hand Quilting

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in their category.
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FEATURED QILTER
Fanfare of Quilts 2020

Roxann Jasper

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOM: Cindy Pfothenauer

- Available in November.

BLOCK EXCHANGE: Gay Stewart

- Fabric for the Block Exchange is available for \$1.

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

- No Updates.
- 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

- Your Guild Library is always looking for new inspiration to add to your library. If there is something you would like to see included, please let me know so it can be purchased. Several items are being added for November.
- The four Wine Country series novels by Ann Hazelwood have been added for all those who enjoy curling up with a good book.
- There has been some interest in wool applique so the book by Mary Blythe titled, "Wool Applique Heirloom – 15 Antique Inspired Projects and Techniques" has been added. This book includes Fifteen projects, 13 heirloom worthy table mats and 2 versions of an advent calendar. Learn how reverse applique brings depth and color to your project without the bulk of added layers. Mary offers advice on choosing and using wool plus valuable wool applique techniques and tips.
- We have also added the book "Ombre Quilts - 6 Colorful Projects" by Jennifer Sampou. Mary shows how to capture the beauty of ombre quilts and sew modern quilts that illuminate with the help of ombre fabrics. Learn easy largescale piecing that show the entire ombre gradation or small pieced quilts that let colors dance and glow in hundreds of hues, tints and tones. With a single fabric containing subtle shifts from pale to dark, color feels exciting and new again. Jennifer shows you how to make the fabric work for you with six brilliant quilt projects.
- Hopefully these books will provide inspiration for your next project and maybe something very special for our upcoming quilt show.
- *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

- There were 84 in attendance at the October meeting which includes 8 guests. Currently there are 204 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

Retreats for members at Toddhall in Columbia, IL

Our guild offers several retreats each year. Attendees work on projects of their choosing. Come as a single or room with another guild member. If a retreat is full you can ask to be put on a wait-list. Detailed information about Toddhall, bedrooms, meals, etc. can be found on our website under Guild Activities. The cost of each retreat varies by attendance, bedroom occupancy, and meals. Retreats are managed separately. Funds paid for one retreat are not transferrable to another retreat.

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

Susan Calzone

sesnowzone@charter.net

4day/3night minimum

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

January 15-18, 2020, extra day January 14

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

Laurie Schrader

laurieaschrader@gmail.com

3day/2nights

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

To be determined.

Sue Meyer

suziequilt@hotmail.com

4day/3nights

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

October 5-8, 2020

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.

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

- **Ivy Osborn's** dear Dad passed away this month. He was 96 years young and Ivy shares what a wonderful father he was. He was at peace with his passing. Let's share our thoughts and prayers with Ivy through a card or email.
- **Bonnie Brown's** cancer has reoccurred for the third time. She is now receiving chemotherapy. Let's keep storming heaven for Bonnie and continue sending her cards and emails.
- **Cindy Pfotenhauer** had knee replacement surgery this month. She is recuperating and in therapy for a few weeks and needs our support. Let's shower her with cards and emails that she can get through this trying time.
- **Darlene Sforza's** husband, Hank, was hospitalized for his diabetic and thyroid conditions. He is now receiving therapy. Dar has been by his side and she continues to need our support and prayers. Let's send her cards and emails of support.
- *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 who 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.
- 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 Nov 11**
 - Coordinator : Nancy Muskopf, nmuskopf37@gmail.com
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **COK**
 - **Nothing scheduled until 2020**
 - Coordinator : Mary Barr , mabarr221@yahoo.com
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **FUN SEW DAY**
 - **All on Sat: Dec 7**
 - Coordinator : Chris Williams; cwill@earthlink.net or mobile 314 452 5912
 - 9 - 4 At West County EMS & Fire Admin Ofc, 223 Henry Ave., Manchester, MO 63011
 - Signup sheets are at each Bits meeting or you may contact the coordinator. Details are on the Bits Website under Guild Activities.
 - If you want to come just visit and chat – Welcome!
 - Bringing hand sewing – Welcome!
 - Have a project to show off – Welcome!
 - Have a problem project and looking or help – Welcome!
 - We would love to see you there.

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

QUILT SHOW CHAIR: Darla Gibson

Quilters!

- It's November next week! That means it's less than 5 months to Fanfare of Quilts 2020!
- Please know that we CANNOT have this quilt show without **ALL** of you participating. I have a great Committee and they are doing wonderful things to make this show happen, but without Quilts and Volunteers, we cannot make it a success!
- Quilts – we need 350+ quilts! So please be thinking about quilts you have not already shown in a local show. Look at your UFO's, what can you get done? Don't forget sleeves and labels! There are instructions for both on the website. We also have instructions for how to put together the pillow case that the quilt needs to travel in to your drop off person. I'll ask Masha to upload to the site.
- Quilt Entry forms are due by the January meeting. Those forms are online and ready for you to print off. Don't forget to print double sided and add that 4 x 6 COLOR picture. This is what we use to layout the show! If you are available to be a drop off person, please let Nancy Peters or me know.
- We also need donations for the Charity Raffle that will benefit Fisher House St. Louis. And, we need antique quilts for the bed turning.
- Great news announced at the last meeting, Jean Goldsberry announced that we will have a Martinelli table and tools (a \$4,500 value) to raffle at the quilt show! Another great draw for our show and an added money maker!
- I hope you are all doing well and I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving if I don't see you.
- Any questions, let me know.

RAFFLE QUILT: Priscilla Kosednar

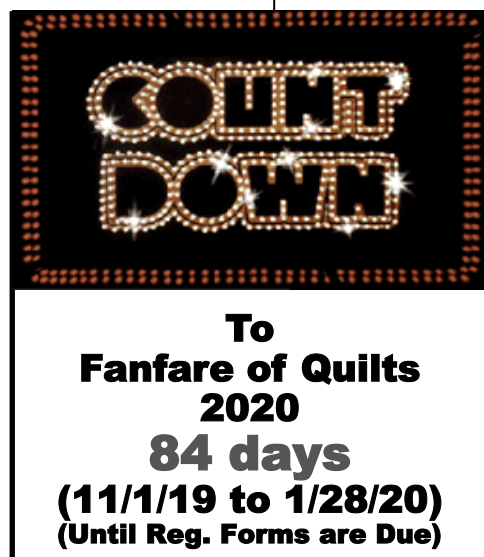
- Thanks to all the volunteers who sold raffle tickets at Quilt-ed Fox during their End-of-the-Bolt Sale. A special thank you to Wendy Richards for helping us with setting up and taking down each day. I encourage anyone who has a favorite quilt shop that you know well to enquire about holding a similar event. The Raffle Quilt Committee is happy to help work out the rest of the details.
- The next prize for selling tickets will be awarded at the November guild meeting. Be sure to turn in your ticket stubs and money that night to be part of the drawing. Also, don't forget to pick up additional tickets to sell to family and friends during the holidays.
- 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.
- 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!



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

A TOUR OF THE FISHER HOUSE

Members of the Quilt Show Committee, Nancy Peters, Iris Moor, Tamra Phelps, Margie Whitehead, Sandy Rekowski and I had the pleasure of taking a tour of Fisher House, our chosen charity for the Fanfare of Quilts 2020 Raffle today. Frank Ewing, MSgt. USAF (Ret), is the Assistant Manager and welcomed us and gave us a great background in the mission of Fisher House and how they serve our Veterans and their families.

Fisher House was founded by Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher when Elizabeth found that veteran's families were sleeping in the lobbies of hospitals and in their cars as their loved ones were cared for in veteran facilities. The Fishers, a well known construction family, built the first Fisher House with their construction knowledge and set up a foundation for future homes to support the families of veterans, while the veteran is receiving care at a VA facility. There are 85 Fisher House facilities, mainly in the US, but also in Europe. Neither Zachary or Elizabeth served in the armed forces, they just saw a need and fulfilled it. Zachary is only one of two Honorary Admirals in the US. The other is Bob Hope. That gives you an idea of how important this work is to our military personnel and families.

Fisher House is where the family or caretaker of the veteran will stay while the veteran is in the hospital. However, if the veteran has out patient services, the veteran can also stay there with the care taker. The funds to built Fisher House are 50% raised by the Board of Directors and that is matched by the government. The employees that work there, work for the government but donations, like ours, are used to supply the house with things like internet, computers, food, videos, books, games, etc...

Fisher House is set up like most homes; large living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Fisher House in St. Louis is a little unique as it overlooks the beautiful Mississippi River and they have positioned the house so that the patio has the most gorgeous view. (No pictures of this as it was a rainy overcast type of morning!).

Attached are pictures of us with the statue of The Fisher's in the entry way of the facility, as we toured the kitchen and one of the rooms. All of the spaces are set up to serve the needs of the families that stay there. What I found more important than that was the attitude of Frank and the rules of the Foundation that take in to account the mental state that many of these families must be in during these difficult times. Frank has an honest open heart and compassion for the people that come through the doors. He believes in his purpose to take care of and care for the families, no matter what their mental state.



The Foundation has set up many rules, as any organization like this would need. The one that really stuck out to me was that eating is only allowed in the dining area. You might think this is to keep the house clean and free of bugs. Although I am positive this is a great side benefit, it's really about building community. They believe that the relationships and friendships that can build between the families that stay there, actually add to the healing of the veteran and family members. That sense of community is built through shared meal times and coming together in a space made for them.

The care and compassion that it requires to run a place like this is more important than the money. I left there realizing that the few dollars that we can raise with our raffle will support their grocery bill for one trip to the grocery store. However, showing support from our quilting community to our veteran community is the bigger gift. I hope that these pictures and my attempt at describing what we saw will help you consider what you might be able to donate to the raffle, as well as partaking in the raffle.

I believe that Frank will be joining us at the show for some of the show hours. I hope you get to meet him and see the love and compassion he has for his mission at Fisher House.

Please feel free to talk to me, or any of the members that were able to attend, if you have questions. There is also a video that I will share through the group email once I receive it from Fisher House.

Thank you!

THE MISSOURI QUILT MUSEUM OPENS

Visitors to Quilt Town, USA, have yet another attraction to visit when they come to Hamilton, Missouri.

Phase One of the Missouri Quilt Museum located in Hamilton, MO, opened on Monday, September 23rd. The Phase One opening includes the *Quilt Town USA Exhibit*, quilts from the Delbert Godsey Vintage Quilt collection and quilts from the museum's own growing collection.

The opening also include other exhibits and collections as well as a partial display of the world's largest collection of toy sewing machines.

Museum spokesperson Dakota Redford said "We are fortunate to have some of the world's best quilters right here in NW Missouri. We felt it was only appropriate that we open the museum with an exhibit that features the tremendous amount of local quilting talent."

The Quilt Town USA exhibit will feature quilts from well known area quilters including Jenny Doan, Courtenay Hughes, Cindy Morris, Janice Richardson, Jenn Sweem, Liz Gubernatis, Annette Ashbach, the Yamamoto Family, the Burnett Family and the Doan Family.

The museum is housed in the historic, 100 year-old Hamilton High School Building. "Being 100 years old, the building requires extensive renovation and upgrading," Redford said. "Due to the costs and time involved, we decided to open the museum in phases. Phase One includes areas that were added to the school in later years and required less upgrading."

Redford said that Phase Two of the museum is scheduled to open in the spring of 2020. Phase Two will include the National Quilt Museum Gallery and will feature rotating exhibits from the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. "We are extremely pleased to partner with the National Quilt Museum in order to bring some of the best quilt exhibits in the world to NW Missouri."

Upon completion, the museum will feature four full galleries, numerous exhibits and various hands-on areas. "We are not a typical quilt museum," Redford said. "MQM will

tell the story of quilting in North America from the time of the pilgrims up to today's digital quilting processes. There will be a number of historical exhibits and many opportunities for visitors to participate with hands on projects and demonstrations.

Already on the museum grounds is the world's tallest spool of thread. Standing over 22 feet tall, the spool of thread was started with 1,000,000 yards of thread donated by Aurifil Company. Visitors have the opportunity to add their own thread to the spool.

The Missouri Quilt Museum is located at 300 N. Bird Street in Hamilton. Museum hours are 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday thru Saturday. The museum is closed Sundays and Mondays. For more information contact: Dakota Redford 435-849-2564.

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