

GUILD ZOOM MEETING OCTOBER 26

Keep them in Stitches: America's Funniest Quilts

Presented by
Julie Silber



Julie Silber is a nationally known lecturer, author, consultant, and curator. For more than thirty-five years, she has been speaking on quilts as a way of exploring the rich world of our female past. In addition to teaching and lecturing for quilt guilds, shows, and community groups, Julie has spoken at seminars, exhibitions and museums.

Julie Silber Quilts provides an exceptional range of quilt related services to museums, collectors, dealers, individuals, and quilt guilds. We specialize in buying, selling and appraising antique quilts made between 1780 and 1950. We also offer antique quilt "exhibition packages" for museums and quilt events. Our exhibitions have enjoyed both critical and popular acclaim, nationally and internationally. Her program will be

Women have always expressed their whole selves in quilts: their love, losses, accomplishments, joys, and sorrows ... and their humor! Enjoy some very funny 19th and 20th century quilts that will have you smiling. Laugh and learn along with Julie.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Phyllis Bednarek, President

Dear Bits n Pieces Friends,

What an inspiring presentation by our very own guild member, Jane Unger-Baumstark! The beautiful array of colors, the personally designed fabric along with her enthusiasm made me feel confident that this was something I could do. I hope you feel the same.

On a more serious note, the Guild needs to form a nominating committee for the positions of Vice President and Secretary. The slate of nominees needs to be presented at our next October meeting.

Our guild needs talented people to fill these positions. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our guild and meet other creative members.

Please contact me if you are interested at phyllisb4@gmail.com or you can text me at 630-319-4292.

Lastly, please review the list of open positions for leaders in these groups:

1. Block of the Month
2. COK & More
3. Membership
4. National Speakers
5. Raffle Quilt Tickets
6. Guild Retreats
(Susan Calzone will still plan January 2022 Toddhall Retreat)
7. Nighttime Needlers

Please let me know if there are any other changes.

Soon the weather will be cool and it will give us a chance to walk outside and enjoy nature's own color palette of fall colors!! Enjoy!

Phyllis Bednarek
President

ZOOM MEETING MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 28., 2021

Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

President Phyllis Bednarek opened the meeting at 7:00pm via zoom.

Gail MacCartney introduced the program speaker Jane Unger Baumstark. She presented the program "Fabric Coloring Tools and Techniques".

After the program, President Bednarek called the meeting to order.

The President reported the following:

- *We need three volunteers for a nominating committee to fill the expiring terms of Vice President and Secretary. Email or text Phyllis if interested.
- *We need volunteers for the Membership Committee. Mary Lou Knox asks all members to check their contact information and report any changes or corrections.
- *All newsletter submissions are due by October 1, 2021 at 5pm.
- *Candy Grisham wants to remind members of the upcoming Maria Shell Workshop on October 6 and 20, 2021. There is one spot open. Contact Candy if interested.
- *The All Star Virtual Sampler Platter will be held October 2 & 3, 2021. All members should have received a link.
- *Cover our Kids needs a new chairperson. Gay Stewart thanked all members for their contributions.
- *Nighttime Needlers needs a new coordinator.

Gail MacCartney reported that The Company will be going to the Art Museum October 28, 2021 at 10am.

Marsha Bray reported that The Quilted Fox moved to their new location at 2055 Craigshire.

Challenge Quilt chair, Kay Strebeck, presented a power-point presentation of the challenge quilts.

Cindy Pfotenbauer presented the rules for the 2022 challenge quilt.

Megan Buttery presented Show and Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

2022 NEW CHALLENGE

Cindy Pfothenauer, Coordinator
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Theme: Create a quilt that reminds you of a favorite children's book. Choose one you enjoyed as a kid or a favorite to read to your children or grandchildren or any child in your life.



Completion date: Quilts will need to be submitted to me by the middle of May 2022. I'll set up drop off/pick up places and times as we get closer. They will be displayed at the May meeting.

Size: any size up to 24" edge. If you choose to make a circular quilt, then the diameter is no larger than 24". I will entertain other size requirements if anyone would like to discuss it with me before the November meeting. I want this project to be an easily doable size.

Prizes: Yes, of course!! Attendees at the meeting will have the opportunity to vote on some categories. I'm hoping we can enjoy the quilts and guess the books they were based upon.

Other requirements:

- Your quilt should be 3 layers and quilted in some manner through all 3 layers.
- Some kind of finished edge that holds the 3 layers together at the edge (may be a raw edge)
- Be mindful of copyright requirements. Do not create a direct representation.

Embellish your hearts away. Paint fabric, add beads, make it 3-dimensional.

Fun! Fun! Fun! I'm really hoping for high participation. So many great books we've all enjoyed through the years. Let's have fun with this one!!

Questions? Please contact me:
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Linda Waugh, Coordinator

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Sharon Stuckmeyer, an active member of our Guild, passed away suddenly August 28. Let's keep her husband and family in our prayers.

Darlene Sforza is most grateful for the wonderful support of cards and prayers she's received from our Guild during this difficult time. Darlene is half through this round of chemo and radiation treatments for bladder cancer. But receiving the beautiful cards and caring words of support keeps her spirit positive and hope-filled. Let's continue to storm heaven with prayers of healing for her and to keep her mailbox filled with cards and emails.

Dot Branson's dear sister Carole passed away September 2 of complicated heart problems. She was just 79 years young, and Dot's older sister who meant everything to her. Dot was able to be with Carole, who lived in York, Pennsylvania, a couple weeks before her third open heart surgery September 1, and then in her final hours of life. She'll remember her sister's beautiful smile and loving heart. Dot shares with us the importance of family and sharing time with family members. Let's support Dot through this difficult time with prayers, cards and emails of support and consolation.

Thank you,
Linda Waugh



NOW HIRING

APPLY TODAY

The Guild currently has SEVEN open positions for Committee LEADERS. Each of these positions offer an opportunity to be creative, meet new members, and learn an integral aspect of the guild. Please carefully review each position and contact Phyllis Bednarek at phyl-lisb4@gmail.com or text her at 630-319-4292 with any questions you may have.

We really hope you are interested in being the leader of one of these positions. And thank you for your consideration

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MEMBERSHIP

Mary Lou Knox

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and Peggy Anderson

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Coordinators

We are still holding strong with our membership number at 173!!!

Registration is always open, so please urge your friends and fellow quilters to register. New registrations will be continually added to the communications roster as they are received.

The registration form can be found on the "Members Only" section of the website. COMPLETE the form, INCLUDE a check made out to "Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild" and MAIL to: Mary Lou Knox, 1465 Autumn Leaf Drive, Twin Oaks, MO, 63021. Everyone must renew their membership for the 2022 year. Registrations for the year 2022 will open on November 1, 2021.

When we again have meetings in person and if you want to win a membership attendance prize, you must wear your name tag. We have stick-on name tags available 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 for badges is available at the membership table or please contact: Peggy Anderson at: pjanderson56@charter.net. Remember that magnetic badges should not be worn with a pacemaker

If you DO NOT wish to receive a membership card, please email Peggy Anderson at: pjanderson56@charter.net



PLEASE HELP!!!!



We are requesting that all members check the MEMBERSHIP ROSTER located in the MEMBERS ONLY section to see if your information is correct! This will help with registration for next year!!!! Contact Mary Lou Knox at mknnox911@charter.net or 636-225-3279 with any corrections or additions! THANK YOU!!!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GREAT GUILD!!!!

UFO'S

Sarah Weible, Coordinator

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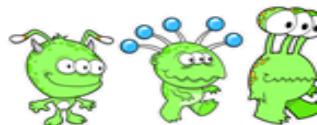
It is my understanding that the UFO program was initially started as an incentive to complete quilts for an upcoming show. That was a brilliant idea and I hope it accomplished just that. While this is still a good way to motivate us to get our "to do" list under control, there isn't a show every year. I am confident you all have been busy buying fabric and patterns, piecing, quilting, and or sending them off to a long arm. I've seen beautiful, completed projects shown at every show and tell zoom meeting we've had; yet only a fraction of those have been on a UFO list submitted to the program. You are doing the work - you may as well have a chance to win at the same time!

We have participation drawings twice yearly. We have cash prizes twice yearly. There are plenty of opportunities to get rewarded for just participating and there is plenty of cash to be won for doing the work! There is also the added bonus of scratching projects off your "to do" list.

Winners of the September participation prizes have been notified. Patti Moreland, Phyllis Bednarek, and Kathy Chitwood have won either a 7 piece Gütermann thread pack or a charm pack of Island Batiks. They won just for having turned in a form!

Our last cash prizes will be awarded in January 2022. Work must be completed and shown (either at a show and tell zoom meeting with a shout out to me or a photo with you and the project sent to me) by December 31st.

As we wind down 2021, if you haven't participated - start thinking about creating a UFO list for next year.



- Sarah Weible

RETREATS FOR MEMBERS AT TODDHALL AT COLUMBIA, IL

For basic information regarding our guilds retreats check the website under Guild Activities.

For information on a specific retreat or to sign-up contact the noted coordinator.

January 20 -23, 2022 - Thursday - Sunday,
Susan Calzone - sesnowzone@charter.net



FANFARE OF QUILTS 2023

MARCH 18-19 2023

QUILT SHOW 2023 UPDATES

QUILT SHOW 2023 CHAIR

Darla Gibson

I am continuing my series of Quilt Show facts and information that goes into the planning and organizing of the Fanfare of Quilts Show.

Unfortunately, through the years, we have lost several of our quilting friends. We always make sure that we honor these beautiful people by having an "In Memoriam" section in the quilt show. We have one person that works with the families to find a quilt that will represent the quilter's work and give us a chance to remember them and their contributions to the guild and to the quilting world.

Here are some of our In Memoriam Quilters:

2008

Betty Jean Franke

Betty Joos Resetarits Wheatley

2016

Jane Birge

Peggy Knight

Nancy E Horn

Joanne Raab

2018

Ramona Howard

Wilma Sestric

Linda Wolfinger

Maribell Knickerbocker

2020 – The Show that Never Happened

Eliane Ezra

Bonnie Brown

2021

Nancy O'Hara

Hilma Moses

Sharon Stuckmeyer

It is always sad when we say goodbye but it is so awesome that we can take a moment and remember these beautiful quilters!

Those lost recently will be honored at the upcoming 2023 show. And, if anyone is aware of any I have missed during 2020 to Current, please let me know!

- Darla Gibson

GUESS HOW MANY SPOOLS CONTEST



**Keep saving those empty
spools!**

Don't forget...these empty spools are for a special fun event at our show in March 2023!

Let's impress our show visitors by **ALL** the spools of thread we used since 2020!

- Judy Humphrey



THANK YOU VETERANS



HONOR FLIGHT

Judy Humphrey, Coordinator

Thanks to ALL who have been making quilts for the Honor Flight.

Forty-five quilts were delivered to the West County Fire House on August 20. I was so excited.

We've almost got enough quilts for October and November Flights. Those flights will have 60 veterans each flight. I hope you have been seeing the October 5 flight on the news. Channels 4 and 5.

For those who still have quilts for the Honor Flight, I will be at the West County Fire House, 223 Henry Ave 63011 on NOVEMBER 26 from 10 to 2.

That is the Friday after Thanksgiving. Quilts can be dropped off, also kits can be picked up.

Remember, Flights will be starting up again in March 2022.

- Judy Humphrey



QUILTERS' CONCERNS

Judy Vogt,
Professional Long Arm Quilter

If you have a pieced border, especially like piano key type borders, it's a good idea to stay stitch around outer edge to prevent those seams from opening.

Thank you,
Judy Vogt

Three Points, A Triangle Workshop Maria Shell Workshop Oct. 6 and 20

Maria is such an inspiring teacher. She is having a virtual workshop: "Three Points, A Triangle" on October 6 & 20 in the evening. She is a great virtual teacher with so much to offer.

The workshop will lead you through your own design working with triangles and your choice of fabric.

Fee \$80. Checks made to Bits n Pieces
Please send registration to:
Candy Grisham
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Washington, MO 63090

Don't wait!

ZOOM AND LIVE MINI EVENTS

Chris Williams, Zoom Mini Events Coordinator
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Mary Lou Knox, Live Mini Events Coordinator
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Mary Lou Knox is the coordinator for the LIVE Fun Sew Days. And for those of you who prefer the ZOOM Fun Sew Day, Chris Williams will be coordinator for the ZOOM Fun Sew Days in the odd months: July, September, November, January, March, May.

As noted above, we are going to have BOTH **Live** and **Zoom Fun Sew Days** – alternating months. Even months (August, October, December, January, March and May) will be LIVE EVENTS at the Fire station. Contact Mary Lou Knox at mknnox911@charter.net Hope to see you all – anywhere!

Chris & Mary Lou

Schedule of Zoomed Meetings

Fun Sew Days also continue with Zoom.

Chris Williams is continuing as the coordinator of ZOOM Fun Sew Days which will be held on the 1st Saturday of odd numbered months: November 6, January 1, at 9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. These are open to all guild members. Just think – sewing with friends and no need to haul a machine, sewing supplies, ruler, iron or project! Some people just do hand work during the session also.

Contact Chris Williams (cwwill@earthlink.net) if you are interested in joining in the fun or have questions. See the Bits website for more information.

Bits Members Afternoon Zoom – Chris Williams will continue to host these events. This group meets every 2 weeks on **THURSDAY AFTERNOON** from 1:00 - 3:00. The group chose to have a Sew Day during their Zoom meetings. This group is open to everyone, but you must sign up to receive a Zoom invite. If you are interested in joining this group or have questions, contact Chris Williams (cwwill@earthlink.net)

Bits Members Evening Zoom – Chris Williams will continue to host these Zoom gatherings the first and third **WEDNESDAY EVENING** from 7:00-9:00. It's a time to chat, share projects, ask questions and just catch up on news of the Guild and each other. If you are interested or have questions, contact Chris Williams (cwwill@earthlink.net)

COVER OUR KIDS

Tamra Phelps (636) 243-1079 and
Gay Stewart (314) 527-9980
Coordinators

COK gave 29 quilts to Margaret Gaal for the Afghan Refugee collection.



Pizza Cut-Up day was a such success that we have another one planned for October 18th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Six women joined us in September. Two women

took their kits home, a pleasant surprise. We made 9 kits ready to be sewn. We used a free, downloadable Pat Sloan pattern called "Oh, My Stars." If you are interested in piecing one of the tops give Gay or Tamra a text or call.

Lost But Found: a few boxes of Cover Our Kids fabric was discovered. In the boxes we found three completed quilts, lots of finished tops and a variety of fabrics. Fifteen quilts went to Circle of Concern.

Looking forward to cutting-up with you on October 18th.



Thanks,
Gay Stewart and Tamra Phelps





For your convenience, the Zoom Tips and Tricks pages will be published in each newsletter until we physically meet again.

THE TECH COMMITTEE CORNER

**Gail McCartney, Megan Buttery, Patti Moreland, Rita Nyhoff,
Candy Grisham, Linda Keeler, Marsha Bray & Phyllis Bednarek,
Chris Williams**

We have done so well with our online meetings averaging 100 members both times. Some helpful hints from the tech committee to make your viewing experience the best:

- Please **name** yourself and try to get **your video** up so we can see you. If you do not know how we will help.
- Please make sure your **mute** is on during the programs

The **interactive calendar** is on the website. Patti Moreland did a fantastic presentation about using the calendar. The calendar is on the Members only page. It is for all Bits related activities. It is also useful to see if another group is already using the Zoom account.

Bits now has a **Zoom account** for meetings and small groups. If you want to use the Bits Zoom account for a small group activity contact Patti Moreland or Rita Nyhoff to verify the calendar and get passwords. You should get a **zoom invitation** a week before the meeting and the day of the meeting. If you do not contact one of us.

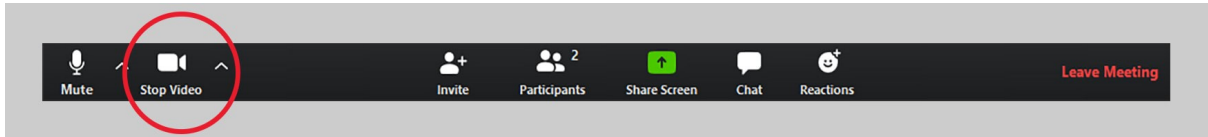
We are doing **show and tell** via Zoom as well. You can send in your high-quality photos of projects you have completed. Watch for a link the week or so before the meeting.

See you next month,
Tech Committee

ZOOM TIPS/TRICKS

We know not everyone is a Zoom expert, so we thought we'd share some things we've learned to make your time using Zoom a little easier for our time together.

At the bottom of your Zoom window, you'll see something that looks similar to the black bar below (though it may not be *exactly* the same.) Depending on your device this may be in a different place.



Audio - Click on the icon to mute or unmute yourself. Click on the arrow to fine tune and test your audio choices. We ask that you keep your audio on mute while we're in the full group meeting, unless asked otherwise.

Video - We love to see your faces! Click on the icon circled in red to show or not show your video. Click on the arrow to see more video options. It's our preference for you to have the video on, although ultimately, it's your choice! When/if in breakout groups, please do turn your video on so your fellow participants can see you.

Participants - Click on the icon to open the Participants window, which includes a list of who else is taking part in the meeting. You can also change your display name here, by clicking on 'More' next to your own name. You can also click on ... in upper right of your screen to rename yourself.

Reactions - At times, we may ask you to raise your hand, which is found when you click on Reactions. You can also clap for your fellow participants or give them a thumbs up! You're always welcome to send your questions, comments, and enthusiasms there as well!

A couple of other tips:

- You can change your view! In the upper right of the main Zoom Screen, you'll see a couple of different icons that change depending on whether the speaker is sharing. We encourage trying out a couple of different options to find what view works best for you.
- Speaker view or gallery view. When a speaker is presenting they will show up as the only one on screen.
- Something we learned the hard way: Zoom likes a restart. The program works best on a laptop or desktop computer, and it benefits from a daily restart of your computer.
- Mute yourself when not speaking. Join the meeting in a quiet space.
- For a quick unmute, hold the space bar down on a PC
- Depending on where you are viewing you may need to swipe or arrow left to see everyone.

Thanks,
Candy, Gail, Gail, Marsha & Darla