

## GUILD ZOOM MEETING JANUARY 25, 2022



**Ann Rexford** currently serves as Volunteer Manager for Great Circle in Webster Groves and has been with the organization for more than 16 years. Great Circle was formally known as Edgewood Children's Center.

Today, Great Circle offers more than 30 programs for vulnerable children and their families including foster care case management, specialized education, and residential care.

Ann's current role includes engaging local groups and businesses with volunteer and donation opportunities. In pre-covid times, she frequently spoke at corporate volunteer fairs.

Ann also spearheads the Great Circle Friends group, an auxiliary board of women focused on helping children in St. Louis through fun activities and fundraising efforts. Great Circle Friends has operated for more than 30 years.

Quilt donations from Bits 'N' Pieces are truly a highlight for children in Great Circle's care. Each quilt brings a child comfort in an otherwise unsettling time in their lives. All of us at Great Circle are so appreciative of these incredible gifts!



**Great Circle Kids thank you for your wonderful quilts!**



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
Phyllis Bednarek, President

Dear Bits n Pieces Friends,

**Happy New Year!** 

Good news coming our way this year! **January 25th will be our first hybrid meeting (in person & virtual)!** How exciting!! Our technology team has a lot to learn so please be understanding as we venture into this new world of possibilities.

I will send out a guild email along with the newsletter about the guidelines voted on by our Executive committee and the program chairs. These guidelines were unanimously approved and are essential to keep our guild members safe. As time passes, we will be constantly reviewing the guidelines and we will make any changes if needed.

**HYBRID MEETING**

1. For the first hybrid meeting, 25 members will attend along with the technology team.  
On January 10th all members will receive a notice from Teresa Basler, our secretary, to sign up on Sign up Genius. The first 25 people to sign up will be notified that they can attend.  
\*\* If you do not have a computer or know how to sign up on Sign up Genius you may call Teresa Basler (314-550-2496) or Patti Moreland (314-520-4154) who can sign you up.
2. You will be required to bring your vaccination card or a photo of the card. Any manufacturer is accepted....Pfizer, Moderna or J & J.
3. You will be required to wear a mask.
4. Seating will be moderately spaced.

Thank you for your patience with this new venture. We hope that as time goes by that we can allow more people to attend in person.

Keep on stitchin',  
Phyllis Bednarek  
President

**ZOOM MEETING MINUTES—NOVEMBER 23, 2021**  
Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

**Final Minutes by Nancy Hopkins**

President Bednarek called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Gail Tredoux introduced the evening program "Quilts and the Underground Railroad: Fact or Fiction?" by Jan Doyle. After the program, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 26, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership voted to approve the officers for 2022 as follows:

Patti Moreland for Vice-President and  
Theresa Bassler for Secretary.

The vote was unanimous for both positions.

Submissions for the newsletter are due by 5pm on December 3, 2021.

There will be no December meeting.

All members can renew their memberships for 2022 now.

We still need a leader for Cover Our Kids. If we don't have a leader the group will be dissolved.

Susan Calzone will conduct the last retreat at the end of January 2022.

The deadline for UFOs is December 31, 2021. A new list will be started for 2022.

Candy Grisham presented Show n Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Hopkins, Secretary

**ANNOUNCING OUR NEW**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**Patti Moreland**



Hi, I'm Patti Moreland your new Vice President.

My background/past lives:  
St. Louis native. Elementary/special education

teacher for 3 years. Stay-at-home mom for 13 years. Corporate world for 21 years (Director of Product Management at AT&T Yellow Pages). Currently Married, Retired and active Grandmother of 12, with one more on the way!

I feel privileged to be asked to serve in this position and look forward to giving back to the Bits n Pieces Guild over the next two years.

This term we are going to have a **"Program Committee Team"**. This team will be responsible for setting up both National Speakers & Workshops and Local Programs. The committee members are: Darla Gibson, Linda Waugh and Patti Moreland (with behind the scenes help and encouragement from Candy Grisham).

Thank you to all of the members who have already submitted ideas for speakers and programs. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me with additional ideas...any time.

Patti Moreland  
Vice President  
Program Committee Team

**ANNOUNCING OUR NEW SECRETARY**  
**Theresa Basler**



Hi, I'm Teresa Basler.

I'm retired from SWB/AT&T after 31 years in 2010. I enjoy my family (2 kids & hubby) and I'm blessed with many friends.

I've been a guild member for about 2 years. I started quilting 22 years ago by making baby quilts for our grand-nieces/nephews.

I love attending quilt retreats. Yearly I attend retreats near Enid, Oklahoma and Brunswick, MO. I enjoy being creative and socializing with fellow quilters.

Teresa Basler  
Secretary





## 2022 NEW CHALLENGE

Cindy Pfothauer, 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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**Dot Branson** - This is long overdue but I haven't forgotten your texts, emails and cards of care and sympathy in the passing of my sister, Carole. The cards are lined up on my fireplace mantle and when I ran out of space, I lined them across my coffee table. They bring me comfort when I see them. Please know I am very appreciative of the time and effort you took to acknowledge my grief.

Thanks again, Dot Branson

**Judy Vogt** - She took a fall and tore ligaments in her leg so between pain meds and injury...well, she could use some care and support from us.

**Darlene Sforza** - Please continue to keep Darlene in your prayers as she is dealing with an infection as well as other problems that are interrupting her sleep at night. She needs our support and prayers. Let's hang in there with her.

**Betty Caswell** - Here is a lovely thank you note from Betty Caswell's family:

"Thank you for your donation to Shriners Hospital. Both of our parents were involved with the Shriners since we were kids. Mom loved the years she spent in the recovery room in Saint Louis with the kids. Mom also didn't start quilting until she joined your group. She passed that love down to three of her daughters. Thank you for being a part of her life. Debbie and the Schneider's, Vogt's, Prince's, Alexander's and the Caswell's "

Let's continue to keep Betty Caswell in our prayers.

Stay healthy!  
Linda Waugh

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Priscilla Kosednar  
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Jane Dodge  
[janestl@gmail.com](mailto:janestl@gmail.com)  
**Coordinators**

### **MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION BEGINS** **CALLING ALL BITS MEMBERS**

#### **Final Membership Report from Mary Lou Knox**

Our guild is finishing the year with a total of 173 members, which seemed like a really great number considering the situation of the last almost two years!

We have such a wonderful, hardworking, and creative group of individuals who are always willing to help, contribute, and share. Please continue to support our great organization!!!

We are pleased to announce that registration for the New Year, 2022 has begun!!! Please get your membership checks in as soon as possible.

The new Membership Chairs, Priscilla Kosednar and Jane Dodge, are ready to get you signed up for the 2022 quilting year! Please use the NEW registration form located in the "Members Only" section of the Bits and Pieces Quilt Guild website! COMPLETE the form, INCLUDE a check for \$25 made out to "Bits and Pieces Quilt Guild", and MAIL to Priscilla Kosednar 1049 Cambridge Way Drive, Chesterfield, MO, 63017.

Peggy Anderson and Mary Lou Knox have enjoyed serving as Membership Co-Chairs these past two "unusual" years. We look forward to seeing, in person, all of our fellow Bits members soon. Happy Holidays to each and every one of you!

Please welcome new Membership Co-Chairs:

Priscilla Kosednar  
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Jane Dodge  
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## **UFO'S**

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There's still time – but it's fast approaching! The deadline for turning your completed projects in for credit is December 31<sup>st</sup>.

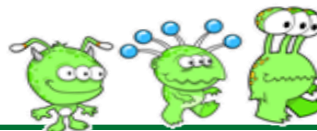
I need a photo of you holding the completed project, the size, and who/how it was quilted. My e-mail is [s.weible@gmail.com](mailto:s.weible@gmail.com). Prize winners will be notified sometime in January.

Start thinking about next year's list. What fabric have you bought with a project in mind; or is it just a collection of colors you admire? Did you purchase a kit or a pattern? Maybe you tore out a page in a magazine or "saved" one you liked on Pinterest. All of these can be put on a list. All I need is a working title (it can always change) and an approximate date you purchased fabric, pattern or kit and/or tore out or saved an idea. If you've never filled out a list—also include any unfinished project you have in your sewing room, closet, box under the bed....? List everything! You never know what you'll decide to work on. If you've sent me a list in the past, just send an email telling me to carry yours over. Also, please note any additions you'd like added.

I am taking UFO lists for next year starting NOW! Just e-mail me at the above address or call 314.313.3360  
I'll even take dictation!!

We have participation drawings twice a year. To be eligible to win, I need a list.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone - 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.

#### **Final Report from Susan Calzone**

January 20 -23, 2022 - Thursday - Sunday,  
Susan Calzone - [sesnowzone@charter.net](mailto:sesnowzone@charter.net)

## **FANFARE OF QUILTS 2023**

**MARCH 18-19 2023**

### **2023 FANFARE OF QUILTS UPDATES**

#### **Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair**

##### **Show Vendors**

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

At each quilt show, we have a number of vendors who support our show by renting a booth space at the show. The booth rentals help pay for the show but they also help bring in quilt show attendees! They are a huge draw to our show as they represent quilt stores locally and not so locally.

- **In 2008**, we had 21 vendors from as far away as Rock Hill, SC!
- **In 2010**, we had 23 vendors – with a waitlist of more – from as far away as Michigan!
- **In 2012**, we had 22 vendors from as far away as Washington!
- **In 2014**, we had 25 vendors from as far away as Mississippi!
- **In 2016**, we had 22 vendors from as far away as Kentucky, Tennessee and Iowa!
- **In 2018**, we had 22 vendors from as far away as Florida!
- **In 2020**, we had 19 vendors scheduled from as far away as California!

It is always so much fun to go shopping at multiple shops while touring the quilts made by this incredibly talented guild. I'm really looking forward to that shopping experience again soon!

- Darla Gibson

THANK YOU VETERANS



## **HONOR FLIGHT**

Judy Humphrey, Coordinator

### **Honor Flight Year End Report**

Wow, what a year! Since the pandemic, Greater St Louis Honor Flight was playing catch up. Time was of the essence to get the veterans on their trip to Washington DC. The decision was to Charter a flight and have 60 plus veterans going on each trip.

On the October and November trips I gave out quilts to each veteran. OVER 130 QUILTS. THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. I wish you could read the notes I receive from them. Some quotes were: "It was heartwarming to think someone would take the time to make such a treasured keepsake. Thank you, to each one of you that put your hand to needle and thread to make such a nice gift." "This is now a family heirloom." "This quilt will go to my son after I pass. He was my guardian on the flight." "I use it everyday." "It's hanging on my wall, where I can see it everyday". "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You."

I have 69 quilts to start out for 2022. First flight is in March. And yes they plan to Charter planes again next year for four flights. I plan to give quilts in March and November. We have enough quilts for the March flight, but will need another 70 for the November flight.

I humbly say THANK YOU to all who have worked so hard to continue this mission.

- Judy Humphrey

## **GUESS HOW MANY SPOOLS CONTEST**



### **REMEMBER**

**Keep saving those empty spools for our Special Fun Event we'll be having at our 2023 Fanfare of Quilts Show!**

- Judy Humphrey



**Let's beat this virus!**  
**Follow the CDC**  
**guidelines,**  
**live, work and play safe,**  
**and**  
**take care of one another.**



# **COVER OUR KIDS**

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

## **Final Report from Tamra and Gay**

Cover Our Kids will make our last 2021 delivery by year's end. Our term comes to an end December 31st. The last two years have gone by quickly. Covid threw us some glitches, but we learned new ways to deal with it, developing a great respect and dependence on each other.

This year, so far, 350+ COK quilts have been delivered to ten charities and hospitals: BJC Childrens' Hospital; Boys Hope, Girls Hope; Cardinal Glennon; Circle of Concern; Epworth Children & Family Services; Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition; Great Circle; Rainbows for Kids; and St. Louis Crisis Nursery. Candy Grisham and Friends made and sent twenty-two COK labeled quilts to the Jupiter, Florida Elementary Pre-school, for their Reading Readiness program.

What an accomplishment for Bits' guild members to have created over 675 quilts for COK in the last two years. Outstanding! Carol Spindler and Nancy Peters' Scraps Mini-Group created so many quilts for the Kids that we lost count. Sorry. Gail Tredoux long-arm quilted a double-digit number of quilts. Irene DiRiscio bound a double-digit number of quilts, also. Too numerous to mention here are the many Bits' members and their friends—who gave their time, talents, and fabrics—so a deserving Kid had something all their own to love. We apologize that we can't print each name. THANK YOU ALL! Applause!

New chairpersons will be able to jump right in and hit the ground running. The generous COK budget afforded the opportunity to purchase some larger items. Three steel shelving units that have rollers. Two for better organization of fabric. The third for storing the kits. Now, the shelves roll easily to the lighted areas in the church basement.

Other purchases included: many rolls of batting; new cutting supplies, such as special batting cutting scissors and rotary blades; and fabric. Lots and lots of fabric. Multiple yards of solid colored fabrics for sashing and kid appropriate backings.

New easy patterns are printed and read. Kits are made. Some are cut fabric with patterns to be sewn together and returned to COK. But, best of all, most kits with everything needed, except quilting and thread, are ready to go. So all you quilters step right up. Kits are waiting for you. Long-arm or domestic.

Of course, we are available to help new chairpersons with any questions they have, help them get started, and explain delivery procedures. With COVID protocols in place, an appointment needs to be made before any deliveries occur.

When delivering quilts together, it meant lunch out for Gay and Tamra. Yum, Yum! We found some very good restaurants, new to both of us, names that we will share, too.

We held three cut-up days. New patterns and pre-selected fabrics from the Bits' Stash were ready for a small group of Bits' members. They used the patterns and fabrics to create top only kits. Bits' Stash has received additional fabric from someone. Thank you!

Congratulations to everyone who made our term a successful one. Covid presented challenges, but none that were insurmountable.

Thank you,  
Tamra and Gay





**ZOOM MINI EVENTS**  
**Chris Williams, Coordinator**  
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**Due to the New Year Day holiday, the first Zoom Fun Sew Day is scheduled for January 8 from 9:30 – 3:30.**

**ZOOM Fun Sew Days in 2022 will be held on the 1st Saturday of odd numbered months: January 8, March 5, and May 7.**



**QUILTERS' CONCERNS**

Judy Vogt,  
Professional Long Arm Quilter

Before giving a quilt to quilter, please check the back and top of the quilt for threads and fabric ravel.

If quilt is white any colored ravel/threads will show through once quilted.

Thank you,  
Judy Vogt

**IN PERSON FUN SEW DAYS**  
**Mary Lou Knox, Coordinator**  
[mknox911@charter.net](mailto:mknox911@charter.net)

Mary Lou Knox will be doing **IN PERSON SATURDAY FUN SEW DAYS** at the **FIREHOUSE** on Henry Road at 9:30 to 3:30 on **EVEN numbered months**.

We have to have at least 6 people who will commit to attending. If that number cannot be reached other arrangements may have to be made or perhaps even cancellation of the date.

If you would like to attend FUN SEW DAY please email Mary Lou at [mknox911@charter.net](mailto:mknox911@charter.net) or call 636-225-3279 no later than November 20<sup>th</sup>. She will keep everyone informed about the status of the day.

**PLEASE SIGN UP AND COME HAVE  
A FUN DAY WITH FELLOW GUILD  
QUILTERS!!!  
ALL BITS MEMBERS ARE WEL-  
COME!!!!**



*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.

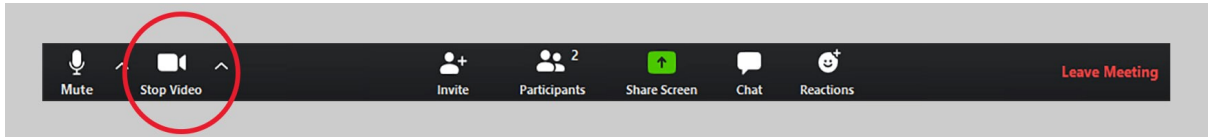
We are doing **show and tell** via Zoom as well. You can send in your high-quality photos of projects you have completed. Watch for a link the week or so before the meeting.

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