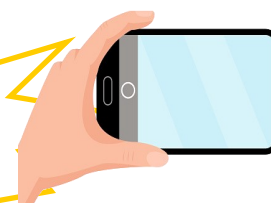


GUILD ZOOM MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2022



Shoot Your Quilt Presented by Trudy Cleveland



Trudy has been sewing since she was 12 years old and has progressively grown as a sewing enthusiast. Starting a long armer business meant she needed to find a way to document her journey.

Taking photographs of her customer quilts seemed the logical Step. Trying to perfect her photography of quilts led her to take digital photography classes at the local community college. The first class "Digital photography" opened up a new world and led to constantly improving on the technique of photographic quilt. She still maintains a longarming business and takes a photograph of every customer quilt. Trudy also lectures and offers workshops on "How to Photograph Your Quilt".

"Shoot Your Quilt", the program she will present to the guild, covers the topic of photography of your quilt. Using only your smartphone, she will discuss how to get professional looking images. She will also cover why you should photograph your quilts, how to photograph them, as well as what and how to store and organize your photographs.

Her presentation will be followed by a trunk show of the quilts featured in her power point presentation.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Phyllis Bednarek, President

Dear Bits n Pieces Friends,

As I write this article, I find that it is impossible to describe our first hybrid meeting with only one word. So I will add a few more to the list:

**AMAZING!
AWESOME!
EXCELLENT!**

Through the hard work of Candy Grisham, Darla Gibson and Patti Moreland, we were able to meet both in person and virtually all at the same time. They did it!!

Ladies, thank you for doing a great job! Hopefully, in the future, we can allow more members to meet in person.

It also was exciting to hear Patti Moreland's schedule of speakers and guild activities for the upcoming months. A lot to look forward to.

It's a new year with new hopes!

Happy Stitching,
Phyllis

ZOOM MEETING & IN PERSON MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2022
Teresa Basler, Secretary

President Phyllis Bednarek opened the meeting at 7:00pm via zoom. 15 members were in attendance at Salem Methodist Church and 57 virtually.

Presenter: Ann Rucksford from Great Circle. Tamara Phelps and Gay Stewart, COK program coordinators introduced the program speaker. Great Circle is one of the charities that receives COK quilts. Ann shared the purpose of Great Circle and about the recipients of quilts.

Tamara and Gay were acknowledged and thanked for managing COK. Tamara and Gay thanked members that made quilts and helped pick up kits and quilts. They noted that the last couple of years have been challenging yet successful.

After the program, President Bednarek called the meeting to order. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 23, 2021.

The President reported the following:

- The proposed **budget** was reviewed. Questions were asked and answered. A motion was made to approve the 2022 budget and seconded. The guild is a non-profit, not an LLC. The issue of insurance is being investigated.
- All newsletter **submissions** are due by Friday, January 28, 2022 at 5pm.
- **Registration** for 2022 membership is open. The form will be available on the Bits website.
- **Quilt Raffle**: There is a need for someone to take over the quilt raffle. This includes ordering tickets and set up showings.
- **Retreat Organizer**: there is a need for a retreat coordinator.
- **Membership**: 5 new members joined the guild this year. Priscilla Kosednar and Jane Dodge are taking over membership. Renewals are due now. If changes in address, phone numbers or email, please share that information. We have 115 members as of 1/20/22.
- **Programs**: Patti Moreland outlined programs scheduled for the first half of 2022. If you want to see a technique demonstrated or have a program idea, contact Patti Moreland.
- **Challenge Quilts** will be collected in May and voted on at the June meeting. See details in newsletter.
- **UFO projects**: Submit a UFO form by March 15. Form on website.
- Joyce Zepp and Laura Khoury are the new **COK** coordinators. Help is always needed to help cutting fabric for kits, delivering or picking up quilts and making quilts.
- **Fun Sew Days**: Mary Lou Knox announced the next in-person sew date is February 5th at the fire station. If there are not enough people to attend in-person, then it will be virtual. Even months are in-person. Chris Williams does virtual on odd-months.
- **Quilt Show Start Up**: Darla Gibson. Seeking volunteers for demos at quilt show. Volunteers are needed for special exhibits, volunteer coordinators, organize demos and the sewing machine raffle. More info at the March meeting.
- **Upcoming Quilt Show**: Candy Grisham shared that the Art Bit's group is doing an exhibit; "Reflection Reimagined" from Feb 3- March 17, at Longview M-F 9-4
- **Show & Tell**: Darla presented a slide show of member quilting projects.
- **Website**: Check each area and send any changes/updates to Marsha.

Attendance prizes for in-person and virtual members were awarded.

Meeting adjourned around 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Basler, Secretary

PLANNED PROGRAM

Pat Moreland

Vice President and Programs Committee Chair

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In **September** we are planning to have “**Round Robin**” **Demos** by Bits members. We hope to have 6-8 demos/stations. Each demo would be about 15 minutes long.

Members will be able to preselect which 4 demos they want to watch and we will rotate through stations. But we need your help!

Please think about something that you would like to



be demo'd by a fellow Bits member or yourself. Maybe you know an easy way to join the ends when binding a quilt or an easy way to appliqué circles, or

a way to insure that the points of your stars aren't cut off when you sew them together.

I will be sending an email out to all guild members requesting the names of people that would like to give a demo or the names of people that you would like me to ask to give a demo. Please don't be shy! We have a tremendous wealth of talent in this group. It should be fun!

- Pat Moreland

ART BITS HOLDS ART EXHIBIT

Art Bits, a Mini Bits Group, is having an exhibit at Longview Farm Art Gallery on Clayton Road in

Town & Country on **Thursday, Feb 3 to Friday, March 18.**


Opening Reception will be **Thursday, March 3, from 5:30 - 7:30pm.**

Be sure to mark your calendars! This **EX-TREMELY TALENTED ART GROUP** is noted for its extraordinary exhibits that you won't want to miss.

Details will be posted to the guild website and email.

Event Flyer provided on following page.

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY



ART QUILT EXHIBIT

REFLECTION • REIMAGINED

FEBRUARY 3 - MARCH 17, 2022

Presented by Bits Art Quilters and Longview Farm House Art Gallery

EXHIBIT: February 3 - March 17, 2022*

HOURS: M - F, 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Longview Farm House Gallery, 13525 Clayton Rd.
Town and Country, MO 63141
(located inside Longview Farm Park)

OPENING RECEPTION: Thursday, Feb. 3, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

*Closed Monday, Feb. 21 in honor of President's Day



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 June 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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Susan Meyer Herzberg of Suzie Q Quilt Shop, Wentzville, lost her husband, Dale W. Herzberg, January 7, 2022. Susan is a past member of our Guild and serves our Guild and many others through the services of her quilt shop. Let's keep Susan in our thoughts and prayer these next weeks. Please send her cards of support, and mail them to her shop in Wentzville. Thank you.

Dar Sforza is asking our guild for continued prayers and cards of support. She will be having two surgeries the first week of February as well as a biopsy of her bladder to determine if more chemo is needed. Dar has told me she could not get through this difficult and trying time without the prayers, support and well wishes of our Guild. Let's continue to storm heaven for Dar along with keeping her mailbox filled with cards and supportive emails.

From the January 25 Zoom/In Person Guild Meeting: "Enjoyed the meeting tonight. Especially the show and tell and the attendance prize. What a nice surprise to hear my name as the virtual winner. Thank you very much." Dar Sforza.

Please contact me with any Sunshine or Shadow requests. Linda Waugh, 314-941-3195 or Lkampwaugh@charter.net

Thank you,
Linda Waugh

MEMBERSHIP

Priscilla Kosednar
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Jane Dodge
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Coordinators

The year 2022 is off to a different start for us with our new hybrid meetings. We are happy to announce that we have 5 new members, including Becky Saenz who has rejoined after several years. Please reach out to any new members and include them in any of our gatherings, as it's so hard to meet new people in the guild right now. Our new members are: Steve Mayer, Lillian Nehring, Becky Saenz, Luciana Sunaga, Karen Warhoover.

This is a reminder that **DUES ARE DUE NOW**. Our dues have provided great programs and helped to keep us connected through all the covid restrictions.

Please use the form on the Bits 'n' Pieces web page, and send your check to Priscilla Kosednar, 1049 Cambridge Way Dr., Chesterfield MO 63017. If you do not have a printer, that's OK, just give us any new information we will need for the roster. If you have paid your dues and have changes to the roster, please contact Jane Dodge at 314-504-7738 or janedstl@gmail.com.

We want you to know that we are going to do our best to do attendance prizes, including everyone on zoom too. So search your house for your name tag and hopefully, we will be gathering more and will need these this year.

Happy Quilting,
Jane and Priscilla



UFO'S

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UFOs are an uncompleted project. It's a project you've started to piece, a project ready to be quilted or needing binding. It's a kit you bought or fabric you just had to have but haven't decided on what to do with it. All I need is a working title and an approximate date you started the project, bought the kit or purchased the fabric.

UFOs are finished for 2021. Seven quilters shared the prize of \$185. The awardees were Phyllis Bednarek, Jane Dodge, Priscilla Kosednar, Nancy Peters, Cindy Pfotenhauser, Lisa Marsden and Rita Nyhoff - great accomplishments for the year ladies!! For the year 2021, \$415 in checks and 6 participation prizes were awarded.

I am asking for your 2022 lists. You can either e-mail, call or text. If you turned in a list last year, you can even tell me to reuse it - just let me know if you have any additions.

All UFO lists submitted by March 15th will be entered into a prize drawing. That's all it takes - just a form.

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

FANFARE OF QUILTS 2023

MARCH 18-19 2023

QUILT SHOW UPDATES

Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair

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Over the past several months, I have been sharing the various aspects of the quilt show with you. Now, it is time to begin the actual planning! And, I need help! As I mentioned in the various articles, it does really take a village to make this event happen!

I'd like to thank the committee members that have agreed to return for another year of planning. I really appreciate you stepping forward. I'd also like to thank those that have decided they cannot help this time, your work in the past is greatly appreciated!

Right now, there are four positions that I'd like to get filled:

Special Exhibits – This person will source and contract a special quilting exhibit to be shown at our Fanfare of Quilts. The exhibit should be something that is nationally or regionally recognized that would draw people to our show.

Volunteers – This person will coordinate the schedule of our guild volunteers during the weekend of the show. Typically, this is coordinated through an app called Sign Up Genius.

In Memoriam – This person will coordinate with the families of the members that have passed away since our last show. You will work with the family on a short bio and one piece of their quilting work that represents them to display at the show.

Sewing Machine Raffle – Jackman's graciously donates a sewing machine for us to raffle at each show. This person will coordinate with Jackman's to get the sewing machine, and coordinate the booth for the machine raffle.

Again, there will be a few more positions as we progress toward the show and I will continue to post them in the newsletter as well as announce them in the monthly guild meetings.

Those that volunteer are committing to attending the planning session meetings held monthly starting in February; and if unable to attend (because we know you have other things too) give me an update prior to the meeting on your area. You will also need to be available the weekend of the show (March 17 – 19, 2023) to take care of any of the details regarding your area.

Please note you will have all the notes and learnings from past committee members as we have a very organized manner to keep this information and share it forward – so you are not starting from scratch. You also have a ton of expertise on the Show Committee to assist with ideas and helping hands if needed.

I look forward to working with you. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact me at ddgiby64@yahoo.com or 636-448-8135.

Thank you!

Darla Gibson

COVER OUR KIDS

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Coordinators

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COVER OUR KIDS COORDINATORS!

My grandmother taught me to sew on her old Singer machine when I was about 10 years old. She also taught me to embroider. Embroidery was my first love, and every now and then I still pick up my hoop to sew a few stitches. I made my first quilt when I was in my early 20's, and made a couple thereafter, but I didn't start quilting in earnest until I attended Bits' 2016 quilt show. I was in awe of the artistry and caliber of workmanship of the quilts in the show, and I joined the guild at the show.

Gay and Tamara, who ran COK for the past two years, have handed over a well-organized project, and I hope to be able to follow their lead. Laura Khoury will be working with me, and we would welcome another guild member on our team. I live in Hazelwood and Laura lives in Illinois, so we are not particularly convenient for quilt pick-up/drop-off. Jane Dodge and Judy Vogt have graciously offered to help with that. Jane currently has some kits and some tops ready to be quilted, if someone is itching to get started on a donation quilt.

I plan to organize some days to cut fabric and put kits together in the future, either at the church or at the Henry Road fire station, so stay tuned for more information on that. If anyone has any questions, I can be reached at 314-593-6283 or joycezepp83@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to getting to know more members of our guild through our COK interactions.

- Joyce Zepp



ZOOM MINI EVENTS
Chris Williams, Coordinator
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Wednesday Evening Zoom: February 2, February 16, March 2, March 16 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday afternoon Zoom: February 3, February 17, March 3, March 17 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Fun Sew Day ZOOM - Saturday, March 5 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Reminders will be sent to those who have signed up.

Contact: Chris Williams: cwwill@earthlink.net

ZOOM Fun Sew Days currently scheduled for **1st Saturday of odd numbered months. Dates changes will be provided.**

QUILTERS' CONCERNS

Judy Vogt,
Professional Long Arm Quilter

If you are going to quilt on your domestic machine, you can prepare your quilt by hand or pin basting.

Lay your backing fabric on a table or floor wrong side up. Place painter's tape on the corners and as needed around edges. Do not overly stretch, but you want it flat. Next place your batting on top of the backing. Place your top on next and tape corners and sides as needed to keep it flat.

Using curved basting pins, place about every three to four inches to hold layers together. Or if you want to hand baste, use a single thread and baste across spacing stitches about every three to four inches. Usually doing rows is all you need. A grid pattern can be done for extra security of pieces from moving.

As you quilt an area, the basting stitches or pins should be removed

Thank you,
Judy Vogt

IN PERSON FUN SEW DAYS
Mary Lou Knox, Coordinator
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It's *FAST* approaching . . .

On **Saturday, February 5th at 9:30 to 4:00** we will have an **IN PERSON** Fun Sew Day at the West County EMS and Fire Administrative Offices at 223 Henry Ave., Manchester, MO.

But...we must have a **MINIMUM of 6** people who are willing to attend. Other arrangements will be made to use **ZOOM** if this attendance number is not met. Masks must be worn and safe distance will be used as much as possible.

So if you would like to attend the FUN SEW DAY please email me at mknnox911@charter.net or call 636-225-3279 (Home) or 314-223-0375 (Text and Cell). I will keep everyone informed about the status of the day.

***LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING
TOGETHER AND
QUILTING, QUILTING, QUILTING
SATURDAY, FEB. 5TH!!!!***

Currently ALL IN PERSON SATURDAY FUN SEW DAYS will be held at the FIREHOUSE on Henry Road from 9:30 to 4:00 on EVEN numbered months.



THE TECH COMMITTEE CORNER

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

**UPDATE: Phew! We had our first hybrid meeting and it went well!!!
We will try to continue to tweak the presentation and audio each meeting. Thanks for coming.**

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

NOTE: One very important step is to make sure you are named when you enter. Not "ipad" or your child/grandchild but your name.

We are carefully watching to make sure no one "hacks" into our meetings and it is so very helpful to know who you are.

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