

GUILD ZOOM MEETING MARCH 22, 2022

Join us for

A Night of All Things Quilt Show!

It's been 4 years since we last held an actual quilt show and we have a TON of new members. We will spend the evening sharing all the information we can about **Fanfare of Quilts 2023**. From the planning, to the execution, to the take down!

We hope this will build your excitement to participate. Either by volunteering to help with the Committee, volunteering during the show or having one of your unique quilts hang in the show.

There are a lot of pieces to the quilt show for example we plan to have a special exhibit; a charity raffle (with quilting related items to be won); a sewing machine raffle and a Martelli table raffle; quilts entered in the show can win ribbons and more!

We hope to have an informative and FUN evening! Plan to join us. Also, if you have questions that you would like answered or have questions that you feel would be helpful for new members, please email me at ddgib-by64@yahoo.com.

Thank you! See you there!

- Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Phyllis Bednarek, President

Dear Bits n Pieces Friends,

It is time to celebrate!!

As most of you heard, St. Louis County's mask mandate has been changed to mask recommendation. Also, the number of Covid cases dropped significantly.

After discussing this issue with the Executive Committee and the Program Committee Chairs, we decided to have a hybrid meeting this month and April. We will not require masks or vaccination records.

So let's get on with our meeting plans.

We had only one hybrid meeting. Thanks to the tech team's expertise, it went off very well.

Hybrid is still a good choice at this time. Some people may still feel uncomfortable meeting in person. Others may be recovering from an illness or surgery.

At our in-person meeting, we will try to space the chairs at the church depending how many people attend.

Show & Tell will still be done virtually. In the future, we will discuss how we show our quilts.

We just ask for a few things from our in person participants:

1. Please stay home if you have any symptoms.
2. Be mindful that some members are wearing masks to protect vulnerable family members at home.
3. We encourage everyone to mingle with friends, just please keep a respectful distance when socializing.
4. Lastly, because of Covid, these last 2 years have been difficult & sometimes very trying. We know the decision to wear masks or not is a deeply personal decision. When we attend our in person meeting we ask that we all mindfully respect each others decision.

This is a new phase for us after more than 2 long years of isolation and fear. This spring I look forward to seeing faces, both virtually and in person.

Together we will learn more about quilting through excellent programs & workshops.

Happy Spring!
Phyllis Bednarek
President

GUILD ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2022
Teresa Basler, Secretary

President Phyllis Bednarek opened the meeting at 7:02 pm via zoom. She asked members to stay for the business meeting following the presentation.

Candy Grisham introduced the program speaker Trudy Alexander. Her presentation was titled "Shoot Your Quilt". The focus was how to effectively photograph your quilt.

After the program, President Bednarek called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes of January 25, 2022. A motion was made and seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The president reported the following:

- **2022 Challenge** - Childrens Book. Projects are due mid May. Contact Cindy Pfothenauer if there are questions.
- **Cover Our Kids** - contact Joyce Zepp or Laura Khoury for kits or pick up finished quilts.
- **Library Material** - If you've utilized items from the guild library, please bring them to the next guild gather so they can be returned to the library. Questions-contact Francine Boillat.
- **Membership** - We have new members: Barbara Brazzell and Colleen Hennessee. 135 members have sent in dues. Total membership is 175. If you haven't already done so, please send in your membership dues.
- **Newsletter** entries are due this Friday, February 25th.
- **2022 Programs** - Patti Moreland described the programs for the second half of 2022.
- **Retreats** - Teresa Basler has volunteered to organize guild retreats. Watch for upcoming retreat information.
- **UFO's** - Send in UFO form (available on guild website) to Sarah Weible by mid-March to be eligible for prizes.
- **Quilt Show** - Please sign up to volunteer at the Quilt Show. There will be a quilt show meeting March 1, 2022.
- Plan to stop to see the **Art Bits St. Louis exhibit** at the Longview Farm Art Gallery on Clayton Rd. from now through Friday, March 18, 2022.
- Darla Gibson presented **Show and Tell** following the business meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Basler, 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 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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Here is a lovely thank you note from **Susan Herzberg** of Susie Q Quilting:

Bits 'N' Pieces,

Thank you very much for your kind donation to my husband, Dale's, Memorial.

I am truly amazed and grateful for the support of the quilting community. As some of you know, he was the love of my life and is greatly missed.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Herzberg, Susie Q Quilting

Dar Sforza wants to express her deep gratitude and appreciation to her Bit's friends for all of the cards and emails of prayer and support. Dar says, "Everyone has been so thoughtful." She is feeling much better. I know she'll appreciate continued prayer.

Sandy Sagan is requesting prayers for her husband, Bob, who has glioblastoma cancer of the brain. It is very aggressive and has no cure. Sandy is hoping that the treatments He will receive will allow him a better quality of life as long as possible. Along with our prayerful support, we can send Sandy our thoughts and support through cards and emails.

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

We have 136 members for February. We noticed there were a few members at the February meeting who had not renewed their memberships, so please send in your dues as soon as possible. PLEASE.

We would like our newer members, from 2021 and this year, to know that you can order a plastic Bits engraved name tag for \$10.00. The name tag can be ordered with a magnet strip or pin. Wearing a name tag makes it fun to get to know everyone. Also, to receive a chance to win an attendance prize, at our in person meetings, members must be wearing a name tag. We do have paper name tags if you forget to bring yours from home.

Please contact Priscilla Kosednar, pkosednar@sbcglobal.net or Jane Dodge, janedstl@gmail.com and we'll order your name tag.

Happy Quilting,
Jane and Priscilla



UFO'S

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JOURNEY OF A UFO

1. You decide you must have that
Beautiful fabric
Fun pattern
Awesome kit
Block of the Month
Layer Cake, Fat Quarter Bundle, Charm Pack
And you buy it. Sometimes you even start the project.
So when does it become a UFO? See Step 1
2. What do you do next?
Add it to your UFO list or start a list with a working title and approximate date you purchased items in Step 1. Send your list to s.weible@gmail.com. If you had a list submitted in 2021, just let Sarah know you'd like to reuse it and let her know if you have additional projects to add.
3. Work on the project whenever you want.
4. When the project is completed
Take a photo with you and the completed project
Send it to s.weible@gmail.com with the dimensions and who/how it was quilted.
OR have it shown at the show and tell portion of our monthly meetings with a notice that it is on your UFO list

An added bonus to participating in the program is your name entered into a twice yearly drawing. Lists submitted before March 15 are eligible for the March drawings at the end of that month. Lists submitted later will be eligible for the September drawings. If you submit your list in March, you are still eligible for the September drawings. There is no need to resubmit anything.

Prizes for work completed are awarded in June and January..

FANFARE OF QUILTS 2023

MARCH 18-19 2023

QUILT SHOW UPDATES

Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair

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Fanfare of Quilts – Quilt Show 2023 Update

I am getting excited as we begin the process of planning the Quilt Show for 2023. Our first meeting will be on March 1st at 6:30 pm via Zoom. If you are on the Committee and haven't received the email, let me know and I'll sent it to you.

We need some more recruits, though!

If you have any interest in helping with the Show, please contact me. The following is a list of positions open and a brief description of each:

Charity Raffle – This person or persons choose a charity to support, collect items that are anywhere from kits to completed projects that will be raffled. Volunteers to run the raffle are part of the sign up. This position takes some coordination of collecting items, sorting them, making baskets, numbering the items and making tickets.

Concessions Decorations – this person puts together a few table decorations for the tables that are in the concessions area. These can be whatever creative inspiration you want to create. This job is pretty much the week of the show, set up on Friday or Saturday before the show starts and removal on Sunday after the show. Decorations include centerpiece, table cloth and other items related to the table décor.

Demos – This person or persons finds about 8 – 9 people typically either vendors or people in the guild, to give informative 25 minute demos during the quilt show on Saturday and Sunday. You are responsible for finding the people, setting the schedule and coordinating the demonstrations during the quilt show.

Special Exhibits – This person or persons finds a special exhibit that is related to quilting that will draw people into our show. This could be a quilt exhibit, a quilting personality, or some other exciting attraction that will entice people to come to our show.

Please remember that there is an entire committee behind each of these positions that is there to help and give advice. Also, there are previous committee members that have done these jobs in the past that are either available to assist OR have given us folders of information that will help you learn what you need to know about the position.

I'd love to have you join the 2023 Quilt Show Committee! See if your talents align with any of these positions and even grab a friend to help!

Contact me at ddgibby64@yahoo.com or 636-448-8135 (Cell) if you have any questions or better yet, you are ready to sign on!

Thank you!

Darla Gibson

GUESS HOW MANY SPOOLS CONTEST



SPOOLS! SPOOLS! SPOOLS!

Keep saving all those empty spools for a "Guess the # of Spools" at the Quilt Show. I know its early BUT we want a good showing of spools. I know everyone has been sewing up a storm during this pandemic. They can be dropped off at the meetings.

- Judy Humphrey

COVER OUR KIDS

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Coordinators

COK has kits available that are ready for piecing, pieced tops ready for quilting, and we'll soon have quilts ready for binding. If you are interested in donating your time for any of those jobs, contact Joyce Zepp at joycezepp83@gmail.com or 314-593-6283. Because we have quite a few kits available, we are not scheduling a kit-making event at this time.

- Joyce Zepp



THANK YOU VETERANS



HONOR FLIGHT

Judy Humphrey, Coordinator

The Honor Flights are starting up for 2022. The flights are now only four times a year but with at least 60 veterans on each flight. They now charter their flights.

I plan on giving quilts out on the first and last flights. I have just enough quilts for the first flight. I hope. So now I need 70 quilts for November.

I have kits available and will be at each of the Bits meetings. You can come in early and pick up a kit or drop off a quilt. If that doesn't work for you, call Chris Williams at 314-452-5912 to arrange a meeting time.

On March 25 I will be at the West County EMS & Fire Protection District at 223 Henry Ave from 9:30 til 2.

- Judy Humphrey

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

Thursday afternoon Zoom: 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

When you start a project, wind several bobbins before beginning sewing. If you run out, then it is easy to pop in that new bobbin.

Also it is best to use the same thread in the bobbin as your top thread as this will help with consistent tension.

Thank you,
Judy Vogt

IN PERSON FUN SEW DAYS
Mary Lou Knox, Coordinator

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We are going to try this again in April!!!
On **Saturday, April 2nd**, we are planning to meet at the
West County EMS and Fire Administrative Offices at 223 Henry Ave. in
Manchester, MO

Saturday, April 2nd

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Minimum of 6 people needed to commit to coming. Otherwise, other arrangements will be made.

We will start out wearing masks and distancing, and will see how the day goes.

Please notify Mary Lou Knox no later than Tuesday, March 29th if you plan to attend! (Last time we had PRIZES!!!)

Notification of whether we meet IN PERSON or ZOOM will be sent out
Thursday, March 31st.

I hope we will meet the month of April! It's been quite a long time! We need to get together and QUILT, QUILT, QUILT!!! See you there!!!

Mary Lou Knox



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

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

