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GUILD ZOOM MEETING APRIL 26, 2022



David Owen Hastings presents Indigo Dyeing in Japan

David is a modern quilter, graphic designer, print and textile artist, and was the 2020 President of the Seattle Modern Quilt Guild. He creates richly layered contemporary artwork and modern minimal quilt and textile designs. For over 20 years, David has exhibited his stitched paper artwork in galleries and juried shows and worked exclusively with non-profit organizations on their branding and communications.

David's creative approach to modern quilting has led to a busy schedule of workshops and lectures on quilting, branding for artists, fine art and textile techniques. Sharing knowledge, encouraging creativity, and teaching new skills are personal passions. He also loves to travel, especially in Asia, and enjoys sharing his experiences and inspiration through travel photos and stories.

David's presentation, Indigo Dyeing in Japan, is about his spending nearly a month in Japan recently, and half of his time was at a wonderful indigo workshop in the country. The rest of the time was spent eating up art, culture, and as much food as possible.

In this talk, he explores how the love of Japanese culture, travel, textiles and "blue and white" came together in a fantastic journey to Japan. This is a travel and textile talk, with an emphasis on Japanese textiles, and a few brief forays into architecture, Japanese cuisine, and shopping for fabric. He will show a quilt as well as paper-based stitched artwork that he created with shibori and indigo dye, and talk about how his particular modern design approach is influenced by Japan.

During this live stream lecture using Zoom technology, David will share a PDF of indigo and shibori resources with participants. It includes his recommendations for books, dyeing supplies and suppliers, and dye kits that are easy to use at home.

David also holds several workshops: Inspired by Art, Inspired by Architecture, Modern Abstract Quilts, Indi-Go-Modern, Visible Mending, Stitched Paper Collage, Mini Mod Quilts, Quilted iPad Case, Snappy Eyeglass Cases. As well as Lectures: Exploring Nature with Paper + Stitch, Indigo Dyeing in Japan, Minimal Design – Maximum Impact, Branding for Artists, Instagram for Artists, Zoom for Artists

For more about David, please visit www.davidowenhastings.com or follow @davidowenhastings on Instagram.

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

The meeting started promptly at 7:00pm. President Phyllis Bednarek asked for the minutes of the February meeting be approved. They were approved and seconded.

There were 48 people in-person attendance and 36 members via Zoom.

Phyllis announced that our guild received a \$500 grant from an anonymous donor. The guild and members greatly appreciate this donor's generosity.

The guild is now listed in Donated Groups. We have a non-profit status, 501(c)3, which allows guild-related purchases to be tax free.

Raffle Quilt – There is still a need for 4-6 volunteers for the Raffle Quilt fundraising. This fundraising is critically important and is a main source of funds to help support the guild in many ways. The process of ticket sales was reviewed. It is just one way to give back to the guild. By the end of the meeting, two members had volunteered – thank you.

Membership - Three new members attended tonight's meeting. Welcome! Please submit your 2023 membership form if you have not already done so.

Sew Days - There is an upcoming, in-person Sew Day on April 2 at the firehouse off Henry Rd.

COK - Joyce Zepp provided an update to COK. Of the fifty quilts collected, 30 quilts were donated to Rainbow for Kids. There were 30 more COK quilts dropped off tonight. In addition to current agencies, Joyce is continuing to research agencies that have a need for the quilts.

Programs - The April speaker will be David Owens – Dyeing in Japan. A virtual presentation.

Quilting Services - If you provide long arm quilting & hand quilting services and want to be listed in the directory, contact Marsha Bray.

Art Group - If you are interested in participating in a beginner's art group, contact Barbara Nagel.

Quilt Show - Darla Gibbons provided a very informative presentation of the Quilt Show process. Our **Fanfare of Quilts**, will be held March 17, 18, 19, 20, 2023 at the Greensfelder building in Queeny Park. Quilt forms need to be completed in January 2023 for each quilt to be entered. There are various volunteer positions available. Please consider volunteering.

Retreats – Teresa Basler announced that the retreat at the Itch'n to be Stitch'n Retreat center on June 3 – 6, 2022 has been scheduled and filled. More retreats will be arranged during 2022.

Moving Company – Please sign up with Mary Lou Knox to help set up & break down the tables & chairs needed at each meeting.

Attendance prizes were award for in-person & on-line members.

Shout Out to Julie Harris & Peggy Anderson for being accepted at Paducah.

Guild Social Media – The guild is in need of some to take on the guild Facebook page and social media.

The meeting ended at 9:13.

Respectfully Submitted, Teresa Basler, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Phyllis Bednarek, President

Dear Bits n Pieces Friends,

What a great March meeting!! Half of the members attended in person and the other half on Zoom.

Excitement was in the air after Darla's great presentation on our Fanfare of Quilts 2023. So many came forward to share their talents and time to make this quilt show one of our best.

Remember, if you want to help in some way, there are plenty of opportunities to sign up to work. You can help at the show or sell tickets for our beautiful Raffle Quilt at shops or guilds.

I'm looking forward to seeing your awesome quilts on display and to all the people coming to view them.

Remember, today, our quilts are making history just as quilts in the past have done for so many years.

This is our time to shine!

Phyllis Bednarek President

2022 NEW CHALLENGE

Cindy Pfotenhauer, Coordinator 949.413.6473 cindypfot@gmail.com



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: Cindy Pfotenhauer 949.413.6473 cindypfot@gmail.com



Linda Waugh, Coordinator

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<u>Sandy Sagan</u> has asked for continued prayers for her husband, Bob. Thanks so much.

Merrily Woodford recently tripped and fell and broke her right hip and cracked her left rib. She's had a successful hip surgery and hopes to be home soon and go to rehab. She has asked for prayers for healing and I know she'll appreciate your support with cards and emails. Thanks so much.

Barbara Wietecter, guild member and mom of guild member, **Trisha Hill**, passed away peacefully March 6. Trish was close to her Mom not only as a quilting buddy but they were travel buddies too.

Barbara enjoyed participating in guild meetings and activities and just enjoyed her quilting friends. Personally, I will always remember her big smile and kind words to me. Let's keep Trish in our prayers and I know she'll appreciate emails and cards of support especially at this time.

<u>Jeri Wagner</u>, a member of our quilt guild, passed away December 13,2021. Darla brought Jeri's death to my attention after she read about Jeri's death on FaceBook. Jerri 's birthday was this week and was on FaceBook. There were no details given about her death, but we thought it was important that our guild members should know about her passing. Jeri was a longtime guild member and was very active with guild activities. She had many guild friends and was always willing to help another member. She was especially active in Art Bits.

This is the response from Jeri's husband, Ken Wagner:

I moved into an apartment at 8800 NE 82nd St. Kansas City, MO 64158 as I lost my email account in the move from St Louis, I use-Jeri's idratherbeincolorado@yahoo.com. Jeri fought Parkinson's for over 10 years. It was a fall that started her decline. But we celebrated our 50th Anniversary in August. As were her wishes, her brain went to a Washington University/ Barnes Hospital Parkinson's study we were involved in. And her organs were used to provide life and hope to as many people as possible. She was cremated. While she was in Long term care, the Activities Director had a day where about 30 of Jeri's quilts were on display in the lounge and Jeri sat there and talked to people about her quilts. I decorated the entry door and the apartment with her things to keep her memory always.

Please contact Linda Waugh with any Sunshine or Shadow requests. See above contact information.



MEMBERSHIP Priscilla Kosednar

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Jane Dodge janestl@gmail.com Coordinators

Congrats to everyone who was able to find their name tag, after two years for our meeting.

We now have 158 members. Our recent meeting was a great success with about 48 members at the church and over 30 members on zoom.

We had several guests at our meeting and new members joining so it was great fun.

Please renew your membership so you do not miss out on the email updates .

We also can order a Bits name tag for you

Please contact Priscilla Kosednar, <u>pkosed-nar@sbcglobal.net</u> or Jane Dodge, <u>janedstl@gmail.com</u> and we'll order your name tag.

Happy Quilting, Jane and Priscilla

UFO'S

Sarah Weible, Coordinator <u>s.weible@gmail.com</u> 314.313.3360

I'm writing this after our meeting last night with a happy feeling of seeing so many friends I haven't seen in what seems like forever and meeting some new ones!

There were many prizes handed out last night and I was also able to get in on the fun. Just for turning in a UFO form you were eligible for a chance to win one of 5 prizes. Two were awarded in person. Peggy Anderson chose a Missouri Star Quilt Company puzzle and Francine Boillat picked out a set of star topped pins. Other winners were: Megan Buttery, Jen Roth and Lisa Marsden.

I am still taking UFO forms. My email is s.weible@gmail.com, and my phone is 314.313.3360. Of course you can always turn one in at our Bits meetings. A form can be found on our webpage OR you can just write out your list on a plain old piece of paper – just turn one in!!! We will have another participation drawing in September

In the meantime – work and either show your finished project at show and tell along with a shout out to me or email me a photo with you and your project. In both cases, I will need dimensions and who/how it was quilted.

Thanks to those who have and are planning on participating for allowing me to have fun handing out prizes. First cash prizes for finished work will be handed out at our July meeting.



FANFARE OF QUILTS 2023

MARCH 18-19 2023

QUILT SHOW 2023 UPDATES Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair

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Thank you to all who attended the Quilt Show Presentation on Tuesday night – either virtually or in person.

For those of you who won prizes for answering my questions and were virtual, I have mailed your prize to you!

For those of you who decided to volunteer for the Quilt Show Committee and to handle the Raffle Ticket Sales – THANK YOU! I was expecting to have to plead for help in this article but ...

<u>ALL</u> positions are currently filled for the 2023 Fanfare of Quilts Show!

There may be more as we begin our planning and I will keep you informed. We will need help during the show yet, that sign up will happen in January 2023.

I do want to make sure everyone knows that

Roxann Jasper will be our <u>Featured Quilter</u> at the 2023 Fanfare of Quilts Show!

Roxann was selected by the guild for the 2020 show and the Committee felt it appropriate to ask Roxann to be our Featured Quilter for 2023. She has graciously accepted!

Also, as announced at our meeting,

MJ Kinman has agreed to be our <u>Featured Artist</u> at the 2023 Fanfare of Quilts Show!

MJ is well known for her Gem Quilts – look her up and I think you will recognize her work! She is also going to be at the show as a vendor! We are so excited to have her and we think she will be a huge draw for attendance!

The next Quilt Show Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30 pm. I will update the invitation with the new volunteers for the Committee and send the invitation to that group. The plan is to meet monthly between now and the end of the year. I will send an invitation each month. If Committee Members cannot attend, please send updates and questions to me at ddgibby64@yahoo.com ahead of the meeting and I will report for you and get answers back to you as quickly as possible.

Again, thank you all for your willingness to be on the Show Committee. Thank you to the membership in general for your time Tuesday night. I KNOW this will be the **BEST Quilt Show EVER!**

Thank you! Darla Gibson



"Frozen Fountain" by Judy Niemeyer

The quilt was **pieced by** the following members of the Pretty Paper Piecers: Ann Clark, Gail MacCartney, Elizabeth Stewart, Gay Stewart, Denise Souris, Mary Lou Knox, Jane Coons, Judie Benedum, Francine Boillat, Tamra Phelps, Sue Potter and Linda Keeler.

Quilted by our fabulously talented Jane Coons.
The Drawing will be Sunday, March 19, 2023 at the Fanfare of Quilts 2023 Quilt Show at Queeny Park.
Tickets sell for \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

COVER OUR KIDS

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Cover Our Kids has made their first donation of 2022. Thirty quilts were delivered to Rainbows for Kids on March 16.

Piecing kits and quilts needing quilting will be available at all in person meetings. If you are not able to make a meeting and would like a kit, contact Joyce Zepp at joycezepp83@gmail.com or 314-593-6283.



It has come to my attention that the list of "Quilting Services" on the members only page of our web page, is in need of updating. If you are currently seeking quilting customers for long arm quilting, email me at marshasbray@gmail.com. Please include your name, phone number and email. Please reply even if you are on the current list.

Also, if anyone knows of individuals or organizations that do hand quilting, please let me know. If you have a phone number, please include that. This information will also be included on the list.

Thank you for your help in updating the information.

Marsha Bray, Webmaster

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.

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 it's 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

ZOOM MINI EVENTSChris Williams, Coordinator

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Wednesday Evening Zoom: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday afternoon Zoom: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Fun Sew Day ZOOM: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

ZOOM Fun Sew Days: Currently scheduled for 1st

Saturday of odd numbered months.

Dates changes will be provided.

Reminders will be sent to those who have signed up.

For information contact: Chris Williams:

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QUILTERS' CONCERNS

Judy Vogt, Professional Long Arm Quilter

When storing quilts, fold quilts by pulling each corner towards the middle. They can overlap.

Then you can fold edges in as many times as needed. You will be folding on the bias edges of fabrics so it will not crease as easily.

Thank you, Judy Vogt

IN PERSON FUN SEW DAYS Mary Lou Knox, Coordinator

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On <u>Saturday, April 2nd</u>, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

We are planning to meet at the
West County EMS and Fire
Administrative Offices at
223 Henry Ave. in
Manchester, MO.

We still have openings for the day but we are NOT at the minimum of at least 6 people yet!!!

Other arrangements will be made if we do not have at least the minimum of 6 for the day.

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 on 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

Candy Grisham, Patti Moreland, Darla Gibson, Chris Williams, Megan Buttery

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