

GUILD ZOOM MEETING MAY 24, 2022



Toni Steere is the National Educator for Timeless Treasures. As a pattern designer, sales representative, teacher, lecturer, and former shop owner, Toni has 30+ years of quilting and teaching experience. You may know Toni through her pattern design company, "Wing and a Prayer Design" -- the name behind their popular Block of the Month programs and fabric collections. Both Toni and Jenny Foltz design quilt patterns to coordinate with their fabric collections they design for Timeless Treasures Fabrics in New York.

The most requested program is "From Concept to Quilt" it's a 45 minute trunk show about the process of designing a fabric collection and quilt. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes lecture on how a fabric collection is created. Toni shares the process from artwork to the finished fabric collection and quilt project. Toni will also share projects from the newest Timeless Treasures Collections.



Toni Steere and Jenny Foltz

Toni has one daughter and three grandchildren. Toni lives in Council Grove, Kansas where she oversees a lakeside quilting retreat.

For inquiries & booking, contact Toni Steere:
 511 Country Lane
 Council Grove, KS 66846
 785-561-0225
tonistimelesstravels@gmail.com
 Facebook: @TonisTimelessTravels
www.tonistimelesstravels.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Phyllis Bednarek, President

Dear Bits n Pieces Friends,

What a great April Meeting! David Owens Hastings presentation made us feel like we had travelled to Japan ourselves. And his work with Indigo was incredible!

Once again about half of the members attended in person and the other half on Zoom. Thank you to everyone for your patience and feedback, as we navigate the everchanging world of technolo-

One appreciative member stated "The option of "Zoom or Room" is a way for me to keep active and stay protected

gy and continue to transition to in person meetings.

It's hard to believe that our quilt show is less than a year away! It was exciting to see everyone picking up their tickets for the 2023 Raffle Quilt. Remember, there are plenty of opportunities for you to help with the show...behind the scenes or on the floor.

Until we meet in May...

On Zoom or in the Room!

Patti Moreland
Vice President
For
Phyllis Bednarek
President

GUILD ZOOM MEETING MINUTES **APRIL 26, 2022** **Teresa Basler, Secretary**

In Phyllis Bednarek's absence, Patti Moreland lead the meeting.

With corrections made to last month's minutes, correcting the 2023 Quilt Show dates to March 18 & 19, the minutes were approved.

Candy Grisham introduced our guest speaker, David Owens Hastings. His presentation of Indigo Dyeing was inspiring and interesting.

We were reminded of the guests fees for our meetings: Nonmembers w/o a speaker is \$2 and with a national speaker is \$5.

CHALLENGE - Help for setting up was requested for the June meeting. Send a picture of yourself to Darla Gibson.

HONOR FLIGHTS - The next one is scheduled for November. 60+ quilts will be needed. Kits are available.

LIBRARY - The guild library is open for sign-outs and returns. Stop by and see the variety of books available.

NEW MINI-ART GROUP - There was much interest for this group and they will get started soon.

COVER OUR KIDS - Joyce Zep reported she collected 20 quilts tonight. Twenty quilts were delivered to Circle of Concern. She is checking with local hospitals for their need. Kits are available. Both piecing and quilting are needed.

RAFFLE QUILT - Thank you to all the volunteers that stepped up to help with the quilt raffle.

CHARITY QUILT - A charity needs to be chosen. Please provide Sue Meyers with suggestions. Those mentioned were **Sew Hope** in Florissant. They provide classes for adults and kids, **Nurses for Newborns** and **Lydia's House** for abused women and children. Ideas for donations were Baggy Blocks and Rope Bowls with goodies inside the bowls.

NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER - "Concept to Quilt" with Toni Steere and a trunk show.

SALAD SUPPER - Need 2 volunteers for the July meeting.

AUGUST MEETING - The speaker will be Harriet Zipfell. This is our first "in-person" workshop in several years. Try your hand at making a Rope Bowl. This is an all-day event at Jackman's Fabric. The cost is \$49 plus supplies.

SHOW & TELL

The guild has 168 paid members. At this meeting, there were 39 in person and 41 on-line/Zoom attendees. The meeting closed at 8:50

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Basler, Secretary

CORRECTIONS TO THE MARCH 22, 2022
GUILD MEETING MINUTES
Teresa Basler, Secretary

March 22, 2022 meeting minutes corrections were sent to the Bits Group as well as to the Editor for posting in the May 2022 newsletter, and were approved and seconded by the membership at the April 26, 2022 meeting. Corrections are noted in RED.

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 Gibson provided a very informative presentation of the Quilt Show process.

Our **Fanfare of Quilts**, will be held **March 18th and 19th, 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 awarded 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 **someone** to take on the guild Facebook page and social media.

The meeting ended at 9:13

Respectively Submitted
Teresa Basler, Secretary
(via my iPad)

FANFARE OF QUILTS 2023

MARCH 18-19 2023

QUILT SHOW 2023 UPDATES

Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair
ddgiby64@yahoo.com - 636-448-8135.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH 18 – 19, 2022

DON'T FORGET SET UP IS MARCH 17!

I am excited by the amount of planning that has already been completed on the Quilt Show! Thank you so much to those that have volunteered to help! We currently have a full contingent on the Committee but I KNOW we will need more help as we go through this year! Please keep an eye out for requests for help!

We will get more information to the guild over the next 3 months regarding how to enter a quilt, how to prepare your quilt for the show and how you can help with advertising.

Thank you!
Darla Gibsoan



“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 uber talented Jane Coons.

The **Drawing** will be Sunday, March 19, 2023 at the Fanfare of Quilts 2023 Quilt Show at Queeny Park.



Quilt Raffle Tickets Committee

The 2023 Quilt raffle sales have started!

This beautiful quilt (shown above) was pieced by the Bit N Pieces Paper Piecing group and quilted by Jane Coons. It is really a spectacular quilt. The drawing will be at the March 2023 Quilt show.

Make sure to pick up your raffle ticket envelope at the next meeting you attend. (We haven't forgotten those that are not attending in person. We are still working through those ideas.)

We ask that each guild member help by selling 4 sets of tickets. Each set is 6 tickets. 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. There are also additional tickets available if you think you can sell more.

There will be prizes throughout the year for those that sell tickets, those that help with ticket sales at the quilt shops and those with the most tickets sold.

Please look for future emails for volunteers to help with sales at the local quilt shops.

Mary Ann Barr has a small group meeting on Tuesday, 5/3, that she can bring some tickets if she can pick them up from someone. I'm in the Valley Park area.

Thank you from your 2023 quilt raffle committee.

Pat Hall • Ginny Rainey • Barb Nagel •
Luci Sunaga • Gay Stewart • Mary Ann Barr
Megan Buttery

2022 NEW CHALLENGE

Cindy Pfothenauer, 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.

Other challenge requirements can be found in previous newsletter issues on the website.

We, (my husband & I), **have purchased a house in Las Vegas, NV**, and are in the process of moving there. I have some new family obligations that are speeding along our retirement move. I may be in and out of Missouri and able to attend a meeting, but I am unable to continue as the chairperson of the challenge. I know Phyllis is looking for someone to lead the collection and display of the quilts. With any luck in scheduling, I may actually be able to attend and submit my own quilt.

Cindy Pfothenauer

Questions? Please contact me:
Cindy Pfothenauer
949.413.6473
cindypfot@gmail.com



Linda Waugh, Coordinator

Lkampwaugh@charter.net

314-941-3195

Sandy Sagan is requesting prayer for her husband, Bob, that God continues to bless him with peace.

Sandy wants to also express her deep gratitude to our guild members for their expressions of support, their prayers and all of the cards, "Our members have increased my strength through their thoughtfulness. I am forever grateful."

Let's heartfully pray for Bob and continue to support Sandy at this time with prayer, cards and emails. You can find her home address and email address in our Guild directory.

The Art Bits 2020 Challenge was to create a fiber piece that wrapped around a tube and was to be a Special Exhibit in the 2020 Fanfare of Quilts quilt show. But unfortunately, the show was canceled due to Covid.

But the fabulous, "**Totems: Personal Stories in Fiber**", will again be a Special Exhibit at the 2023 quilt show AND will also be in the **National Quilt Museum in Paducah from July to October this year**.

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

Thank you,
Linda Waugh

pkosednar@sbcglobal.net

Coordinators

Happy Quilting,
Jane and Priscilla



s.weible@gmail.com
314.313.3360

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.

NAME CHANGE AND PADUCAH BOUND

The fabulously talented art group has changed its name to: **Art Bits STL**. Please check the website for details. Thank you, Wendy Richards

The Art Bits 2020 Challenge was to create a fiber piece (some or all was to be three layers and quilted) that wrapped around a tube. Any materials, techniques, and methods could be used.

This Special Exhibit, **"Totems: Personal Stories in Fiber"**, at the 2020 quilt show was to be an enchanted forest of three-dimensional art quilts. These "totems" represented stories as diverse as the makers themselves. Each totem represented the artist's personal story expressed in fiber, fabric, embellishment, and stitch.

Alas, the 2020 Quilt Show was canceled due to Covid.

BUT this spectacular display will be on display at the Fanfare of Quilts 2023 quilt show AND will be in the National Quilt Museum in Paducah from July to October this year — so exciting! You won't want to miss it.



COVER OUR KIDS

Joyce Zepp
joycezepp83@gmail.com
314-593-6283

Laura Khoury
cabernut@gmail.com 636-227-8885
Coordinators

What a generous guild we have! Over 20 quilts were turned in to COK at the meeting on April 26. In March 30 quilts were donated to Rainbows for Kids. In April 23 large quilts were donated to Circle of Concern. With the 20 I have in my sewing room and all the new quilts received at our meeting we will have a nice donation for one of the children's hospitals in May.

If you want to participate in the charity, I have many kits ready to be pieced, as well as quilts waiting for quilting. Contact me at joycezepp83@gmail.com or by phone at 314-593-6283 and we will find a convenient way to connect.

Just a reminder that all quilts turned into COK need to be washed and labeled. If you need labels, send me an email and I will mail you some.

Thanks to all who have donated so far this year.

- Joyce and Laura

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 60 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 EVENTS
Chris Williams, Coordinator
cwwill@earthlink.net

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:
cwwill@earthlink.net



QUILTERS' CONCERNS

Judy Vogt,
Professional Long Arm Quilter

When making T-shirt quilts, **ALWAYS** put a light weight stabilizer on the back of the T-shirt block. This will make it easier to sew blocks together. It will also make quilting it better.

If the shirts are not stabilized when quilting, the shirts will stretch and not lay smoothly. The result of stabilizing will make your quilt look much better.

Thank you,
Judy Vogt

IN PERSON FUN SEW DAYS
Mary Lou Knox, Coordinator
mknnox911@charter.net

636-225-3279 (HOME)

314-223-0375 (CELL)

In-Person Fun Sew Days are held on all even numbered months

at the

West County EMS and Fire
Administrative Offices at

223 Henry Ave. in
Manchester, MO.

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

The next **IN PERSON** Fun Sew Day is scheduled for Sat., June 4th.

A minimum of 6 people is needed to commit to coming. Otherwise, other arrangements will be made. Please notify Mary Lou Knox no later than Wednesday, June 1st if you plan to attend!

All pertinent information, including Zoom numbers, etc. will be sent out on Friday, June 3rd.

Hope to see a bunch of fellow quilters then!!!!

Mary Lou Knox

Workshops by Special Guests

Harriett Zipfel – Local Artist

Rope Bowl Workshop

**Full Day Workshop: Wednesday August 24, 2022
10am-4pm @ Jackmans**



Guild Program: Tuesday August 23, 2022 7pm

Harriett is a local Textile Artist. In her program, **Textile Journey**, she will share her story from her first stitches (dressmaking) to her most recent works of art, her beautiful rope bowls

Harriett's Rope Bowl Workshop is split into two – three-hour sessions to give us time to learn the basics in the morning session and then in the afternoon to explore creative design and finishing techniques while creating our own unique bowl.

Cost for the workshop is: \$49 (\$35 +Plus \$14 for the kit)

Don't Wait! Class size limited!

Deadline for sign-up will be July 26, 2022.

Supply list will be sent prior to class.

Send your check to:

Linda Waugh, 2148 Ballas View Dr., St. Louis, MO 63122

Please make checks out to **Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild**

**Any questions? Contact Linda Waugh lkampwaugh@charter.net or
Patti Moreland ps4535@yahoo.com**



THE TECH COMMITTEE CORNER

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

Tech Committee News

We learn something new all the time! As we continue to transition to in-person meetings, we really appreciate your patience and feedback. Sometimes everything works great and sometimes we need tweaks. That being said, please remember to **show respect** for everyone's choices. Watching the presentations from home or being present for the meeting are ways to be involved with OUR quilt guild and are personal choices. There will be future meetings with live show and tell and salad suppers and we will eventually return to a new normal. In the meantime, we will continue to offer ways to attend that work for as many as possible.

Helpful Hints to Zoom By

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.

Thank you,
The Tech Team